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SUMMARY.

The Japanese Minister in London says that the situation is unaltered.

There has been no exchange of advices between the two Powers since Japan, on December 30, stated to Russia her irreducible minimum.

According to the Tokio correspondent of the "Times," the rumours of Russia's pacific intentions are not credited. Japan will fight for a satisfactory settlement.

The despatch of M. Bezahrozoff to Port Arthur to assist in the negotiations is regarded as a pacific sign.

Letters from Vladivostock to Tokio state that Russian marines wrecked Japanese houses there, assaulted Japanese women, and wounded old men.

The rioting lasted 20 hours, and officers accompanied the rioters. The civil authorities did not interfere.

A Thibetan General and a number of Lamas met Colonel Younghusband. They proposed impossible conditions.

If the advance was continued there would be trouble, but favourable terms awaited a retirement to Yatung.

Colonel Younghusband said he would go on. He wanted a peaceful settlement, but was ready to meet opposition.

Arthur Lynch has been released from gaol on a license which disqualifies him from entering Parliament.

Pope Pius has received the Bishop of Sandhurst in audience.

Alleghany River, in Pennsylvania, rose 28ft. Several bridges were destroyed, and the steel mills being submerged 25,000 workmen were thrown out.

The great fire at Aalesund, in Norway, has caused terrible distress. Relief expeditions are hurrying from the mainland.

Lord Wimborne has caused a sensation in English political circles by resigning the presidency of the East Dorset Conservative Association.

Forty-five thousand adult white males have signed a petition to the Transvaal Importation Association in favour of Asiatic labour.

The "Freeman's Journal" says 50 constituencies in England and Scotland can do for Home Rule what Gateshead did.

German newspapers complain that from the British award to foreigners for losses over the South African war, Germany has got only £44,000 instead of £600,000.

They state that the situation throughout the world scarcely warrants Great Britain treating Germany as a nobentity.

Turkey is concentrating troops near Kustendil, in Bulgaria, and at Adrianople.

Mr. W. J. Ashley, Professor of Commerce, at Birmingham, stated in a lecture that if Great Britain declined to negotiate with the colonies other nations would negotiate.

The Duke of Bedford supports Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

Drury Lane Theatre is officially reported to be unsafe against an outbreak of fire.

The revolution in Uruguay, South America, has been suppressed.

New South Wales placed £500,000 worth of Treasury bills in London a fortnight ago.

They have four years' currency, with interest at 4 per cent., and realised £97 15s.

To-day being Anniversary Day will be a general holiday. The annual regatta will be held.

Since the breaking of the drought many sorts of native grasses are growing luxuriantly in hitherto arid country round Broken Hill.

There is a movement to place a bust of Alderman Thomas Hughes, the first Lord Mayor of Sydney, in the Town Hall.

Correspondence is passing between the secretaries of the northern colliery proprietors and the northern district of the miners' federation.

The latter proposes a conference between delegates to try and settle the Teralba strike.

A meeting of the proprietors to consider the suggestion will be held, but it is unlikely that they will agree to increase the hewing rate.

It is said that the proprietors take the view that the rates fixed by the Court represent the maximum that they can reasonably pay under existing conditions.

In connection with the tram men's trouble, a meeting of the executive of the union was held yesterday. The feeling was against any step which would alienate public sympathy.

A set of resolutions for submission to to-morrow's mass meeting was drafted. They are said to be of a pacific but determined character.

Three persons were fined in all £40 yesterday for betting in shops in the city on horse-racing which took place in Victoria.

The almost lifeless body of a woman was found in Cook's River yesterday. Efforts to restore animation failed.

Playing in a pennant match at Perth on Saturday, a bowler named Cottesloe clean bowled nine batsmen for 21 runs, on a perfect wicket.

Shortly after the train left Casino for Lismore yesterday, a woodtruck and passenger carriage ran off the line. No one was injured.

A Miowera passenger reported to the police on the arrival of that vessel yesterday, that a man who had broken gaol near Vancouver on the eve of his execution for murder was on board.

The Brisbane police were similarly informed when the vessel was there. The Sydney police are inquiring into the affair.

Advices from London to the Agricultural Department intimate an improvement in the condition of butter shipped from New South Wales.

Some brands, however, showed the effects of heat, which the department attribute to careless handling before shipment.

Mr. Suttor, the Commercial Agent in the East, anticipates the placing of large contracts for coal in Japan.

A heavy shipment of samples of New South Wales produce has been sent to Japan for introduction to the local, the Chinese, and the Manila markets.

Information from New Zealand shows that the health authorities consider they have beaten the smallpox outbreak. There has been no new case for seven days.

Sir Graham Berry died yesterday at St. Kilda, Melbourne, at the age of 82.

He was in Victorian politics for 43 years, and in the early days led the extreme protectionist party. "Black Wednesday" and the "Berry Blight" recall memories of his Premierships.

A handsome presentation has been made to Bishop Gallagher, at Goulburn, to mark his return from a visit to the Pope.

Victoria and New South Wales met in interstate cricket yesterday. The visitors won the toss, and, batting, compiled only 163. The home team have lost three wickets for 207.

Weather conditions were favourable, but the fine bowling of Cotter and Bowden beat the batsmen. Four thousand persons were present.

Sir William Lyne lectured on Imperial Reciprocity before the British Empire League last night. He said a fair average preference would be 10 per cent.

Assuming that reciprocal arrangements were to be made, he would look for preferential treatment for wheat, flour, meat, butter, and wine.

It is understood that the Commonwealth authorities will hand the Paddington Barracks back to the State, as the site is too valuable for them.

Sir John Forrest says there has been too much delay already over the Federal capital site, which is a constitutional obligation.

The selection would be hurried along, because New South Wales had been kept out of her rights too long.

A milling plant, claimed to be the biggest in Australia, has been installed at the Anchor Mills, Sydney.

There is a rumour that Mr. O'Sullivan is to become chairman of the Water and Sewerage Board at a salary of £700 per annum. Mr. Frank Clarke, ex-M.P., is also mentioned.

A man named Crowe was arrested yesterday in Sydney in connection with a murder committed in Queensland. He declares his innocence.

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OROTAVA	5857	Collins	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
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+*ORONTES	9023	Ruthven	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
+*ORTUNA	8000	Fletcher	Mar. 23	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
+ORIZABA	6957	Archer	April 6	April 12	April 14
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For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports— VICTORIA, SATURDAY, February 20, noon.

From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF— VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, February 3.

TASMANIA. HOBART— ANGLIAN, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, noon; February 2. From HOBART—January 30.

LAUNCESTON— From MELBOURNE—BURRUMBEET, January 26.

MELBOURNE AND GEELONG— BUNINYONG, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, January 27, noon.

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THURSDAY ISLAND NORMANTON BURKETOWN	WODONGA, Wednesday, 11 a.m., Jan. 27. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)	
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CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued by the undermentioned trains leaving Sydney TO AND FROM ALL STATIONS AT WHICH THE TRAINS ARE SHOWN TO CALL, viz.:—

8.0 a.m. to Goulburn.

7.8 a.m. at Sydney, Bulli, Wollongong, and Dapto (only) to Kiama (only); 7.30 a.m. to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong; 8.30 a.m. from Sydney and intermediate stations to Kiama (only).

7.50 and 8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m. to Eskbank.

8.5 a.m. to Newcastle (Milson's Point at 7.47 a.m.).

THESE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RETURN WITHIN ONE CALENDAR MONTH FROM DATE OF ISSUE, but will not be available by the Melbourne Express from Sydney on any day or by the Mail Trains leaving Sydney on Sunday nights.

EXCURSION TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

TO-DAY (Tuesday), Trains will leave Sydney at 9.10 and 9.18 a.m.; and on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, at 9.5 a.m.; from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy five hours; 70 miles by rail, 30 by steamer.

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TO-MORROW (Wednesday), January 27, train will leave Sydney at 2.10 p.m.

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In addition to the ordinary service and the CHEAP TRAINS shown above, SPECIAL COUNTRY TRAINS will leave Sydney TO-DAY at 8.27 a.m. to Wollongong, 9.30 a.m. to Kiama, 8.0 p.m. to Nowra, 9.10 a.m. to Gosford, 11.25 p.m. to Richmond and Mount Victoria.

The 11.25 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday train, Granville to Liverpool (10.30 p.m. from Sydney) will run.

CAMDEN TRAMWAY.—The 9.57 p.m. Wednesday train, Campbelltown to Camden, connecting with the 8.30 p.m. Mail train from Sydney, will run.

WORKMEN'S TRAINS.— Several of the Workmen's Trains will be cancelled, but additional trains will be run from Homebush and intermediate stations to Sydney, giving a quarter-hourly service between 9.0 a.m. and 11.0 a.m.

For the convenience of persons wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on WEDNESDAY MORNING, January 27, trains will leave country stations as under:—

From Nowra at 4.35 a.m., due Sydney at 8.46 a.m.

From Goulburn at 5.0 a.m., due Sydney at 9.40 a.m.

From Mount Victoria at 6.15 and 6.40 a.m., due Sydney at 8.55 and 9.3 a.m. respectively.

From Gosford at 6.30 a.m., due Sydney at 8.40 a.m.

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CLOSING OF THE CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE.

The Central Booking Office will be OPEN until 10.0 a.m. only.

Handbills and further particulars as to the running of Special Trains, etc., can be obtained from all Station-masters, at the Inquiry Office, Sydney Station, and at the Central Booking Office, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

WOLLONGONG SHOW.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 29, and 30.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to WOLLONGONG at Sydney, Nowra, and intermediate stations, commencing on THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, and thereafter by trains timed to arrive at Wollongong up to 3.26 p.m. on SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, available for return until MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued to WOLLONGONG as under:—

ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29—

At Nowra and intermediate stations, by train leaving Nowra at 6.55 a.m.

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 and 30—

At Sydney and intermediate stations, by Special train leaving Sydney at 9.30 a.m.

These Tickets will be available for return up to SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, inclusive, but they will NOT be available by the 8.40 p.m. Mixed train from Wollongong on SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.

On FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 and 30, a Special Passenger Train will leave Sydney at 9.30 a.m. for Wollongong, returning from Wollongong at 7.30 p.m., due Sydney at 10.15 p.m.

For further particulars see handbill.

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H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

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ANNIVERSARY DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.

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and staged with every completeness. The initial production will take place on
SATURDAY NEXT, JAN. 30,
when will be presented the successful musical play,
THE BELLE OF NEW YORK.
THE BELLE OF NEW YORK.
THE CAST WILL INCLUDE
Messdames
VINIA DE LOITTE ELSIE MOORE
(Her first appearance) OLIVE LENTON
SARA HYMAN MINNIE HOOPER
PANSY MONTAGUE AGNES THORN
RUBY ARMFIELD M. HAMMOND
MAY BEATTY,
Messrs.
FRED. LESLIE ARTHUR CRANE
FRANK CROSSLEY FRED. RIVENHALL
ALF. WYNAND J. WHITFIELD
JAMES HUGHES H. SWEENEY
F. WATTS W. ROSEVEAR
FRED. H. GRAHAM.
OPERA CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA,
Under Direction of Mr. GEO. HALL.
Stage Manager, Mr. T. E. FOSTER.
Pieces Produced under the direction of Mr. FRED. H. GRAHAM.
THE BOX PLAN
for the first performance will be on view at Theatre THIS DAY, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BONDI AQUARIUM.
ANNIVERSARY DAY.
DANCING and other AMUSEMENTS. Admission, 1s. from 10.30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

TIVOLI THEATRE.
Sole Proprietor and Manager, Mr. Harry Rickards.
TO-DAY, ANNIVERSARY DAY.
'GRAND HOLIDAY MATINEE.
The Last Performance But Two of Cirnocs.
Come and See Our Gigantic Double Company.
Doors open at 1.30, commence at 2.30.
BOX PLAN AT THEATRE TO-DAY from 10 to 1.
GIGANTIC MATINEE TO-DAY.
TUESDAY, ANNIVERSARY DAY, BY
MR. HARRY RICKARDS'
NEW TIVOLI VAUDEVILLE AND SPECIALTY COMBINATION.
Messrs. SIMPSON and BEAUMONT, who challenged
THE CIRNOCS
produced their specially forged Leg and Arm Bars, Chains, and a variety of Yale and other Locks, and secured Mr. Cirnoc in a vice-like grip. Mr. Cirnoc was manacled, and sat upon the stage covered with a large sheet spread after fashion over four chairs, and after twenty-two minutes he appeared free, proving him absolutely the Master of Irons, Locks, Handcuffs, and Manacles. Mr. Cirnoc will appear this afternoon, this evening, and to-morrow evening only.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FAREWELL CIRNOCS.
A BRILLIANT RECEPTION ACCORDED OUR NEW ARTISTS.

MDLLE. VULCANA	A Magnificent	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	Example of what	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	Physical Culture	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	can do for	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	the Human Frame.	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	A perfect	MONS. ATLAS
MDLLE. VULCANA	revelation.	MONS. ATLAS

This marvellously developed disciple of Physical Culture shows that every Woman may perfect herself.
Brilliant Reception of Mr. Rickards' latest importation,
COONS IN THE CORKFIELDS,
introducing
MISS FANNY POWERS and MISS MAUD FANING
and our picked Tivoli Ballerinas.
Backdance arranged by Mr. TOM DONNELLY.
A scene of intense excitement was caused by the first production of Mr. Rickards' latest biograph tagoritation,
CANADIAN SALMON FISHING.

THE CIRNOCS FAREWELL	Positively closing their
THE CIRNOCS FAREWELL	Sydney season on the
THE CIRNOCS FAREWELL	27th. FAREWELL
Acknowledged by all who have	PROF. DEWAR'S
seen his animals that it is far	PROF. DEWAR'S
and away above anything of its	CATS and DOGS.
kind ever seen.	CATS and DOGS.
The Great Charm of this Great	Mrs. SIMS REEVES
Artiste is her perfect rendition	Mrs. SIMS REEVES
of her late husband's Songs.	Mrs. SIMS REEVES
MISS JENNY GRAY	London's Expert Exponent of
MASS JENNY GRAY	Artistic Equipose,

and all our Great Double Company.
2s 6d, 2s, 1s 6d, 1s, and 6d. Early Doors and Booked Seats, 6d extra. Box Plan at Theatre To-day, 10 to 1.
Business Manager, JOHN C. LEETE.

CRITERION THEATRE.
SPECIAL BOX PLAN NOTICE.
THE BOX PLAN FOR TO-NIGHT
will be on view at the Theatre, where seats may be secured from 10 o'clock till 3.

CRITERION THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager .. CHARLES HOLLOWAY.
Business Manager ..... R. L. Mullarkey
Treasurer ..... E. D. Holloway
FAREWELL
To that Most Powerful and Popular Dramatic Organisation, the
CHARLES HOLLOWAY DRAMATIC CO.,
TO-NIGHT, TUESDAY, TO-NIGHT,
POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT
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OF THE SEASON,
OF THE SEASON.
The Gloriously Successful Drama,
FOR THE SAKE OF A WOMAN
FOR THE SAKE OF A WOMAN.
REMEMBER,
THE LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON.
POPULAR PRICES—2s, 2s, and ONE SHILLING.
Early Doors, Sixpence Extra.

TOM DONNELLY, expert and reliable Teacher Stage and Fancy Dancing, also Ballroom, 5 Hunter-st.

T. WOOD, Professional Teacher of Harp, Ballroom, and Fancy Dancing. Third floor, room 199 Q.V. Mkts.

INTERSTATE SAILING CARNIVAL.
STEAMER LADY MARY
follows the principal Open-boat Sailing Races at to-day's Regatta. Boats 18ft and over in the morning. 18-footers afternoon.
Under the Auspices of the Sydney Flying Squadron and the Sydney Sailing Club, and with the sanction of the Regatta Committee.
The Lady Mary leaves Erskine-street at 10 a.m., Rushcutters' Bay, 10.15, Point-street, 10.30, Darling-street 10.45, Fort Macquarie 11, Flagship 11.15 a.m., and follows 18ft and over handicap.
The Lady Mary leaves Fort Macquarie at 2.30 p.m., Flagship at 2.45, and follows 18-footers' handicap.
TICKETS, 1s FOR EACH RACE.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.
ANNIVERSARY DAY,
TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1904.
THE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.
THE FIRST RACE, ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
14.3 Welter Handicap of 30 sovs, lowest weight 8st. 5 fur.
14.1 Handicap of 25 sovs, 5 fur.
The Novice Handicap (15.0) of 25 sovs, for all horses that have never won 15 sovs, 5½ fur.
13.3 Handicap of 25 sovs, 4½ fur.
14.2 Handicap of 30 sovs, 1 mile.
The Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 40 sovs, 5½ fur.
ENTRIES close FRIDAY NEXT, JAN. 29.
189 C'reagh-st. Tel., No. 774. P. O'MARA, Sec.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.
Combine PROFIT with PLEASURE and Inspect
THE FAIRFERN ESTATE, TURRAMURRA,
TO-DAY.
Plans on the Ground.
½ ACRE BLOCKS SPLENDID LAND at LOW PRICES, EASY TERMS.
D. J. M'INTYRE and CO., Auctioneers,
99 Junction-street, North Sydney; 94 Pitt-street, city.

HUNTER'S HILL.—Italia Estate, on Ground, Next SAT., 3 p.m. Free Stmr. Tor. Lithos R. and W.,Ltd.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES' ART UNION CONCERT.
TO-NIGHT. TOWN HALL. TO-NIGHT.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.
For the convenience of patrons arrangements have been made to keep open the office, as below, up to 5 p.m. TO-DAY, where Art Union Tickets may be purchased and seats reserved.
Art Union Tickets will also be obtainable at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert commences 7.45 sharp.
W. J. WALKER, Hon. Sec.
York-buildings, Market-street, opposite Q. V. Markets, first floor.

HERR GERARD WOLLMAR
will resume
TUITION at Paling's-buildings,
TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 27th inst.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB.
RANDWICK RACECOURSE.
THIS DAY.
THE ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.
THE FIRST RACE, ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.
OF 1904.
MONSTER AQUATIC DEMONSTRATION
will be held on the
WATERS OF PORT JACKSON
TO-DAY, (TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
(ANNIVERSARY DAY).
THE P. and O. S. N. CO.'S MAGNIFICENT 10,000-TON
R.M.S. MOLDAVIA
(Captain E. Gordon)
as
FLAGSHIP.
LARGE ENTRIES RECEIVED FOR ALL EVENTS.
YACHT SAILING, NAVAL AND ROWING RACES.
A SPLENDID DAY'S SPORT.
FIRST RACE, 10 A.M.
LUNCHEON and REFRESHMENTS obtained on board.
FERRY STEAMERS will leave FORT MACQUARIE every 15 minutes for Flagship.
TICKETS FOR FLAGSHIP:
GENTLEMEN, 2s; LADIES, 1s.
J. H. HARRIS, C. W. BLAKENEY, Joint Hon. Secs.

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ANNIVERSARY REGATTA,
ANNIVERSARY DAY,
TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1904.
STEAMERS WILL LEAVE Fort Macquarie at 9 a.m., and thereafter every 15 minutes, conveying passengers to and from the FLAGSHIP MOLDAVIA.
6d RETURN FARE 6d.
Sydney Ferries, Limited, W. C. TODD, Manager.
No. 5 Jetty, Circular Quay.

OCEAN EXCURSION TO HAWKESBURY RIVER.
ANNIVERSARY DAY.
TO-DAY, TUESDAY.
S.S. NEWCASTLE, 1251 Tons,
will leave
WHARF, FOOT of MARKET-STREET,
at 10 a.m. (weather permitting),
for COWAN BAY, meeting the S.S. NAMOI, from Newcastle, at that place, thereby affording Newcastle and Sydney friends an opportunity of meeting each other.
Excursionists will be landed on return about 6 p.m.
8s. RETURN FARE 8s.
Children Half-price.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
The N. and H. R. S. S. Co., Ltd., 147 Sussex-street.

LANE COVE RIVER PICNIC EXCURSION.
ANNIVERSARY DAY, TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.
Steamer half-hourly from No. 7 Jetty, Circular Quay, foot of Pitt-street.
Waterside Picnic Reserves at St. Leonards, Northwood, Longueville, The Avenue, and Fig Tree.
Dancing in the Avenue Pavilion.
Return Fares:—Adults, 6d; Children, 3d.
Telephone, No. 10 Hunter's Hill. N. JOUBERT.

SPRATT, the Working Jeweller, 46 Hunter-st, the place for Watch and Jewellery Repairs.

HUNTER'S HILL.—Italia Estate, on Ground, Next SAT., 3 p.m. Free Stmr. Tor. Lithos R. and W.,Ltd.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
SPECIAL BOX OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.
The Box Plan for Dress Circle and Reserved Stalls for TO-DAY and TONIGHT'S Performance of SATURDAY NIGHT IN LONDON will be on view at the White Rose Confectionery Cafe, Pitt-street, opposite Theatre, where Early Door Tickets to all parts may be obtained.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
TO-DAY (TUESDAY) TO-DAY.
GREAT SPECIAL MATINEE.

MATINEE.	MATINEE.	MATINEE.
TO-DAY.	SATURDAY	MATINEE.
TO-DAY.	NIGHT	MATINEE.
TO-DAY.	IN	MATINEE.
TO-DAY.	LONDON.	MATINEE.

SATURDAY NIGHT IN LONDON.
Children half-price to all parts.
Doors open at 1. Commence at 2.

LYCEUM THEATRE.
Lessee ..... Mr. George Musgrove.
Sub-Lessee and Manager ..... WILLIAM ANDERSON.
Business Manager ..... Julius Grant.
IDEAL HOLIDAY FARE.
THE LATEST DRAMATIC TRIUMPH,
WILLIAM ANDERSON'S
New and Novel Sensational Attraction,
SATURDAY NIGHT IN LONDON.
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BRILLIANT SPECTACULAR EFFECTS.
EXCITING SENSATIONS.
FUN. INTEREST. ORIGINALITY.
SATURDAY NIGHT IN LONDON.
FAST LIFE.
Mascati's Restaurant in the Strand,
A Street in London.
A Coster's Saturday Night.
BUSY LIFE.
Covent Garden Market.
On the Road to Covent Garden.
St. Catherine's Dock and View of Tower Bridge.
LOW LIFE.
Exterior of St. Bride's, in the East.
Street in Whitechapel.
THE GREAT FIGHT
between "the Hounditch Chicken" and "Badger Purvis."
Stage Director, Mr. J. H. NUNN.
Produced under the Sole Direction of WILLIAM ANDERSON.
PRICES, 3s, 2s, and ONE SHILLING. Early Doors from 7 to 7.30, 6d extra.

THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB HALL,
73 and 75 Castlereagh-street
(near King-street).
TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1904.
FLEMMING v BLAKESLEY.
20 Rounds. One to win.
Preliminary 10 Rounds: FOX v MATTHEWS.
Prices: 5s, 2s, and Gallery 1s. Seats can be reserved at the Club.
NEXT TUESDAY, NELSON v WHITELAW.
JAMES BRENNAN, Director.

THE CYCLORAMA.
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME THIS DAY.
The Soul-Stirring BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.
Cannons Boom and Martial Music Startlingly Real.
Modern CINEMATOGRAPH. NEW FILMS.
AMUSING and INTERESTING.
The HUMAN BUTTERFLY and SERPENTINE DANCE, under Coloured Limelight and Beautiful Transformations.
NEW and BEWILDERING ILLUSIONS.
Full Lectures at 3 and 8 p.m., with Effects, including CINEMATOGRAPH, ILLUSIONS, MUSIC, etc.
OPEN 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Explanations at short intervals all day. ADMISSION to ALL, 1s; Children, 6d.

DANCING TO-NIGHT, WALTON'S HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY, SURREYVILLE.
Cool Room. Good Music; 8 till 12.
Gentlemen, 2s.

DANCING, TO-NIGHT, St. George's Hall, the Bridge, Newtown. Alec M'Intosh's Holiday Social. Glass and Tremain's Band. Gents., 1s 6d; Ladies by invitation. Bondi Next Sunday.

DANCING To-night, Ferndale, Wool'hra. Dorrington's Assem. Special 1 night competition; cash prize.

SMITHERS'S Holiday Night Dance, Leigh House, To-night, 8 till 12. Gents, 2s. Good company.

DANCING.—To-night, Wembley Hall, Petersham, 8/6. Peters. reversing taught. Near Sydenham station.

SPECIALTY.—Dancing, Pupils fitted for the Stage by Wally Smith, 460 Oliver-st, Surry Hills.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND AT ONCE TO SPEND TO-DAY,
ANNIVERSARY DAY

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction (No. 27,981).—In the Will of LOUIS BARRY, late of Carrick, near Warren, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the estate of LOUIS BARRY, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 31st day of October, 1902, and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 20th day of March, 1903, to WALTER CURRAN, Roman Catholic Priest, and RICHARD DOWLING, Selector, both of Warren, the Executors in the said Will named, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said Walter Curran and Richard Dowling, or to the undersigned, HENRY WESLEY LOVETT, Proctor, on or before the twelfth day of March next, at the expiration of which time the said Walter Curran and Richard Dowling will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which the said Walter Curran and Richard Dowling shall then have had notice; and the said Walter Curran and Richard Dowling will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim the said Walter Curran and Richard Dowling shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 22nd day of January, 1904. HENRY WESLEY LOVETT, Proctor for the said Executors, Dubbo-street, Warren. By Messrs. LEWIS LEVY and FULTON, his Agents, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHARLES McARTHUR KING, formerly of Norfolk Island, but late of Sydney, New South Wales, Retired Chief Magistrate, of Norfolk Island, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the fourth day of September, 1903, and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria in its Probate Jurisdiction to MAYNARD ZOUCH KING, one of the Executors named in the said Will, and which Probate was sealed with the Seal of this Court on the seventh day of December, 1903, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said Maynard Zouch King, of Dunolly in the State of Victoria, or to the undersigned Proctors, on or before the tenth day of March next, at the expiration of which time the said Maynard Zouch King will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which he shall then have had notice; and the said Maynard Zouch King will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, 1904. MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Proctors for the said Executor, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ANN BENNETT, late of Orange Grove, Kempsey, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or effecting the Estate of ANN BENNETT, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 23rd day of November, 1903, and Probate of whose Estate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 14th day of January, 1904, to HENRY BENNETT, of Taree, Chemist, and ARTHUR BENNETT, of Kangaroo Valley, Bank Manager, the Executors named in the said Will, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said Executors, or to the undersigned, JOHN REA MARRACK, Proctor, on or before the 23rd day of February, 1904, at the expiration of which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which they shall then have had notice; and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any persons of whose debt or claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 21st day of January, 1904. JOHN REA MARRACK, Proctor for the said Executors, Kempsey. By his Agent, J. T. RALSTON, Solicitor, 86 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ELIZABETH EDWARDS, late of Bentley, near Casino, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration to the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN CHARLES EDWARDS, the eldest son of the said deceased, and that the Administration Bond may be dispensed with. And all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are required to send in their claims within fourteen days after the publication hereof. Dated the twenty-first day of January, 1904. L. E. COPPE, Proctor for the Applicant, Casino. By his Agents, RICTON and FAITHFULL, 83 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY WELLER, late of Glen Innes, the wife of ALFRED WELLER, of Glen Innes, State of New South Wales, Inspector, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALFRED WELLER, the Widower of the said deceased, without bond and sureties; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are required to send full particulars of their claims against the Estate of the said deceased. H. P. ABBOTT, Proctor for the Applicant, Glen Innes. By his Agents, Messrs. T. E. CRESWELL and WHATMORE, Solicitors, 81 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JANE DAWSON, late of Carabella-street, Milson's Point, in the State of New South Wales, Widow.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS GILLISPIE and WILLIAM KING DAWSON, with leave reserved to MATHEW JAMES DAWSON to come in and prove his said Will, and all notices may be served at No. 5 Bond-street. E. TREVOR-JONES, Solicitor for Executors, No. 5 Bond-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. —Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of RICHARD BEVAN, late of Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, Medical Herbalist, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH ELIZABETH BEVAN, the Executrix named in the said Will, and all Notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. SARAH ELIZABETH BEVAN, 225 Hunter-street West, Newcastle.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSIAH BARRETT, late of Botany, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gardener, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANE ELIZABETH BARRETT, the Executrix named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. WILLIAM MANDEVILLE BARKER, Solicitor for Executrix, 1 Bligh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of THOMAS EDGAR, late of Wickham, in the State of New South Wales, Engineer-driver, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE EDGAR, the Widow of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at Lindsay-street, Wickham. CATHERINE EDGAR.

EVERYBODY going to Town Hall Art Union Concert TO-NIGHT. If so, I must, so must YOU.

MEETINGS.

SECESSION.

COMMITTEE MEETING, School of Arts, WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., 8 p.m., to arrange preliminaries of the Town Hall Demonstration. Holders of requisitions please return.
QUEENSLAND JOINS IN THE MOVEMENT.
JOHN HAYNES, Chairman.
D. HOGARTH (Strand Arcade), Hon. Treasurer; GEO. EAGLE (Cope's chambers, Bond-street), Hon. Secretary.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at the Board-room, Macquarie-street, on TUESDAY, 2nd February, 1904, at 3 p.m.
His Excellency Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, K.C.B., will preside.
BUSINESS:
1. To receive the Annual Report and Balance-sheet for 1903.
2. To elect a President, 2 Vice-presidents, and an Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year.
3. To elect Governors to fill the vacancies on the Board caused by the retirement, under By-law 28, of the following gentlemen, viz.:—The Hon. R. J. Black, M.L.C., Messrs. Alexander Dean, W. H. Flavelle, and G. A. Griffiths, all of whom are eligible for re-election.
4. To transact any other business of which due notice may have been given.
CHAS. H. HELSHAM, Secretary.

G.U. OF N.S.W. GRAND LODGE MEETINGS as follows:—
WEDNESDAY, January 27th.—Nomination of Officers for 1904.
TUESDAY, February 2nd.—Ballot for Officers.
TUESDAY, February 9th.—Installation Ceremony.
A. J. S. GUTHRIE, G.S.

THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY, Ltd.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—
I beg to notify that I am a CANDIDATE for the seat on the Board of Directors vacant by the death of the late PETER REID, and trust to receive support at the Annual Meeting to be held on THURSDAY next, 28th inst.
THOS. R. ALLT.

COAL, FIREWOOD, &c.

AT the North Shore Gas Works, COKE, large or broken, per ton (or 8s 4d. per bag 5d.).

DELAW-MAIN COAL endorsed by the faculty. Lockley Bros., Wharf, Druitt-st. Tel., 1275.

AUCTION SALES.

TO GROCERS, BOARDING-HOUSE PROPRIETORS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.

HYAM HAINS will sell by public auction, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, No. 251 Kent-street, near Margaret-street, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and STOCK-IN-TRADE of a GROCER.
Candles, Pickles, Sauces, Jams, Glassware, Lamps, Matches, Tinned Goods, Teas, Sugar, Treacle, Salt, Clothes Lines, Paper, Bags, Holloware, and a quantity of Miscellaneous Groceries, large Ice Chest. Without Reserve.

IN the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Orange, 23rd January, 1904. G. F. GILBERT'S THE GREAT LUCKNOW CONSOLS G.M. CO., at the Four Mile, near Cadia. On TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1904, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Great Lucknow Consols Gold Mine, at the Four Mile, near Cadia, the whole of the Machinery and Plant on and about the mine consisting of one 25-h.p. winding engine and boiler, one 16-h.p. Marshall's portable engine and boiler, one 10-head Battery, one Wilfrey concentrator, tools, etc. TERMS, CASH. CHEQUES NOT TAKEN. Plaintiff's Attorneys, A. J. McLACHLAN and MURRAY, Sydney. C. J. BARNES, Sheriff's Officer, Orange.

IN the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Orange, 23rd January, 1904. A. LIDDLE v. THE GREAT LUCKNOW CONSOLS G.M. CO., at the Four Mile, near Cadia. On TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1904, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Great Lucknow Consols Gold Mine, at the Four Mile, near Cadia, the whole of the Machinery and Plant on and about the mine, consisting of one 25-h.p. winding engine and boiler, one 16-h.p. Marshall's portable engine and boiler, one 10-head battery, one Wilfrey concentrator, tools, etc. TERMS, CASH. CHEQUES NOT TAKEN. Plaintiff's Attorneys, A. J. McLACHLAN and MURRAY, Sydney. C. J. BARNES, Sheriff's Officer, Orange.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN SALE YARDS.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY,
at 2.30 p.m.

HEAVY DRAUGHTS, ACTIVE DITTO, TRADESMEN'S CARTS SORTS; CARRIAGE, BUGGY, and HACKNEY DESCRIPTIONS, &c, &c, ALL IN THE PINK OF CONDITION.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, on account Mr. CHAS. MARSHALL, Cowra:
50 FIRST-CLASS HORSES,
comprising
Splendid heavy and medium Draughts, 4 to 8 years old, in tip-top condition; suitable for BREWERS, MILLERS, Heavy Carriers, Dray and Van Proprietors' work; also, strong, good-quality light Horses, suitable for carriage, cab, buggy, sociable, and the better class of light harness and hackney work.

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10 Upstanding Light Horses and 5 good heavy and medium Draughts, in good condition, broken and unbroken.
*** Among the lot is a very superior buggy horse, winner of 20 1st prizes at Kiama and Berry shows.

On account Messrs. RICHARDS BROS., Clarence:
5 really good nuggety Draught Horses, all broken in, stanch and reliable workers.

On account Mr. F. GEYER:
2 Upstanding Colts, suit carriage or buggy work, unbroken; 1 Yearling Colt and 2 useful saddle and harness Mares, broken in.

STYLISH CARRYALL TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 11.30 a.m.,
Handsome Bay Mare, 16 hands, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, good mover, lady can drive; Hooded Carryall, and B. M. Harness.

HIGH-CLASS TROTTING GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. K. BRUNSWICK, Newcastle, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, 4 years, 16 hands, by Commercial (imp.), dam Polly, by Lord Burley, by Yattendon, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, a splendid mover, can trot 3 minutes, and is a maiden.

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20 miles by rail (1 hour's journey from Sydney).

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(next to Railway Station).
*** We beg to notify that we will hold our next sale at the above Yards on SATURDAY, FEB. 6th, 1904.
Owners who intend favouring us with the sale of their stock at the above time will oblige by sending particulars at once.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON, AUCTIONEERS,
244 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

H. CHISHOLM and CO.'S
EASTER BLOOD STOCK SALES.

H. CHISHOLM and CO. will hold their USUAL BLOOD STOCK SALES during the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting, in APRIL NEXT, as under:
THOROUGHBRED YEARLINGS.
On a date to be arranged.
RACEHORSES IN TRAINING AND BLOOD STOCK IN GENERAL,
On MONDAY, 11th APRIL.
H. CHISHOLM and CO., Agents,
63 Castlereagh-street.

TO-MORROW,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27,
AT 2.30 O'CLOCK, AFTERNOON,
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
at
THE BUNGALOW,
VICTORIA BARRACKS, PADDINGTON.
Under instructions from
COLONEL H. D. MACKENZIE,
in consequence of leaving this State to command the Commonwealth Military Forces in Tasmania.
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and
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.
VALUABLE PIANOFORTE.
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And
A FEW HEAD PUREBRED SILVER WYANDOTTE FOWLS.

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AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
has been favoured with instructions from Colonel H. D. MACKENZIE to sell by auction as above.
*** ON VIEW WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, from 10 a.m. up to hour of Sale.

SUMMER HILL.
Special Attention is Directed to
THE HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION
on
THURSDAY NEXT,
JANUARY 28th, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.,
at
OAKLANDS,
LIVERPOOL-ROAD, SUMMER HILL.
Under instructions from
R. J. HUNTER, Esq.,
in consequence of having sold the property, and his early departure for India.
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*** ON VIEW TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 27th January, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. and on MORNING OF SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.,
In Conjunction with
STANTON AND SON,
has been favoured with instructions from R. J. HUNTER, Esq., to conduct the Highly Important Sale by Auction as above.

TO-MORROW,
WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1904.
AT 11 O'CLOCK.
FOR POSITIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
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UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LIQUIDATOR.
330 CASES ASSORTED OILMEN'S STORES
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3 BALES TINFOIL PAPER.
33 CASES CURDIALS
5 KEGS CREAM TARTAR POWDER, each 1cwt.
20 SACKS HAMICOT BEANS.
Also,
With all faults, if any,
5 CHESTS CEYLON TEA.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE AGENTS.
5 TONS LINOLEUM FELT
63 CASES STAFFARD'S WHITING INKS
8 CASES DUTCH TWINE
12 CASES DRAPERS' CAP PAPER.
2 CASES WALNUT OVERMANTELS.
S. H. HARRIS and COMPANY have received instructions to SELL as above WITHOUT RESERVE at THE MART, 190 PITT-STREET, TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, 27th JAN., at 11 O'CLOCK.

ORDER OF SALE
OF SHARE and SUNDRY PROPERTIES,
TO BE OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 123 PITT-STREET,
at Half-past Eleven a.m.,
TO-MORROW, 27th JANUARY, 1904,
1 SHARE CIVIL SERVICE CO-OP. SOC.
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WATERLOO.—BLOCKS OF LAND, fronting BOTANY-ROAD (Deceased Estate).
OATLEY.—W.B. COTTAGE, fronting WORONORA-PARADE. By order of the Curator of Intestate Estates.
PENSHURST.—LAND, 50ft to ARGYLE-STREET. By Order of the Curator of Intestate Estates.
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RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A SPECIAL Celebration of Holy Communion will take place at the Cathedral on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m., in connection with departure of Bishop of Melanesia for N.Z. All friends of mission cor. invited.

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CHAS. A. VIVIAN,
Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Woollahra, 22nd January, 1904.

BUILDERS can always rely on getting good value in Flooring, Linings, etc. Specially low quotations for above in Kri., Ogn., Pine, Baltic, and Hwd., from
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[For Shipping, Meteorological, and Mail Notices see page 6.]

MARRIAGES.

GOODWIN-ROBINSON—COX.—On the 20th inst, at Ashfield, Herbert Alexander, son of Captain H. J. Goodwin-Robinson, late of the York Riding Regt., and nephew of the late Sir Wm. F. Alexander, Bart., to Mary Ethel Fabian, daughter of the late H. F. Cox, Esq., of Hants, England. Home papers please copy.

DEATHS.

ARGENT.—January 25, at his parents' residence, Phelp and Dowling streets, Moore Park, William Alan Richardson, dearly loved and only son of William J. and Ethel G. Argent, aged 1 year and 5 months.

BAGLIN.—January 25, 1904, at her residence, 42 Bourke-street, Waverley, Mary Ann, relict of the late Llewellyn Baglin, in her 78th year.

BEVAN.—January 20, 1904, at his late residence, 225 Hunter-street West, Newcastle, N.S.W., after a long and severe illness, Richard Bevan (of Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire, Wales), aged 63 years. Rest in peace. South Wales papers please copy.

BRADBURY.—January 17, at Adelaide Hospital, Claivette (Queen), the beloved elder daughter of Mrs. L. E. Bradbury, of Park-terrace, Gilberton, Adelaide, S.A.

CHAPPLE.—January 24, at Ollyville, Railway-street, Granville, Gilbert, the dearly loved son of Albert and Olive Chapple, of Cobar, aged 9 months and 21 days. Funeral leaves 10.15 a.m. for Western-road Cemetery.

CHISSELL.—January 24, Frank Chissell, late of Lane Cove-road, Gordon, stepson of W. Griffiths (accidentally drowned), aged 17 years.

FARQUHAR.—December 29, at Perth (W.A.), Christina, youngest daughter of the late Jas. Farquhar, of Forbes-street, Newtown.

DANDO.—January 24, at 50 Palace-street, Petersham, Arthur Wentworth, only child of G. F. W. and E. J. Dando, aged 2 years 8 months. Funeral at Rookwood, Tuesday morning.

DIGHT.—January 25, at Casino Hospital, John Dight, late of Bonall, M'Intyre River, and Tamworth, aged 58 years.

DUTTON.—January 25, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dunelim, Penkivil-street, Bondi, Eliza Dutton, aged 80 years.

DUY.—January 25, at her residence, Military-road, Mosman, Eliza, relict of the late James Duy. R.I.P. By request no flowers.

JONES.—January 20, Walter William Jones, of Edison, Rozelle, aged 55 years. At rest.

LONG.—January 25, 1904, George Edward Long (late inspector of Public Schools, Wellington, N.S.W.), of Clarita, 12 Botany-street, Waverley, aged 57 years.

LONG.—January 25, at The Terraces, Paddington, George Edward Long, late Gen. Inspector of Schools, Wellington, N.S.W., aged 57 years.

QUINN.—January 10, 1904, at Mudgee Private Hospital, Andrew Thomas Quinn, aged 23, second eldest dearly beloved son of Daniel and Mary Quinn, Willy Wally, Cassilis. R.I.P.

SPEAR.—January 24, at Craigiee, William, the dearly beloved husband of Catherine E. Spear, aged 62 years.

TURNER.—January 23, at his parents' residence, 41 Holborow-street, Croydon, Arthur, dearly beloved infant son of Walter and Florence Turner, aged 5 months.

WAITE.—January 10, 1904, at his late residence, 65 Sutherland-street, Paddington, Clarke Waite, beloved husband of E. A. Waite, aged 70 years, within a few hours. Cumberland papers please copy.

YAW.—January 25, at his residence, 75 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, Daniel Yaw, aged 68 years. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLAYTON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear father, George Clayton, late of Surry Hills, who departed this life January 26, 1889. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, William and Lydia West, Gerine, but not forgotten. R.I.P.

CLANCY.—In loving memory of our dear wife, Margaret Clancy, who departed this life on January 26, 1902, aged 45 years. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving husband, John Clancy.

CLANCY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Clancy, who departed this life on January 26, 1902.

Sleep on, dear mother, thy task is o'er,
Your loving hands shall toil no more;
You always strove to do your best,
And now you've gone to seek your rest,
Mother is gone, but not forgotten,
Nor the good advice she gave.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round our darling mother's grave.

Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

CONLON.—In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Arthur Conlon, who was accidentally drowned on January 26, 1902, at Sans Souci. At rest. Inserted by his uncle, M. J. Conlon, and family.

CONLON.—In sad and ever-loving memory of my dearly loved husband and father, Arthur, who was accidentally drowned at Sans Souci on January 26th, 1902, aged 28. Inserted by his wife and loving little son, T. and Paddy Conlon. May God have mercy on his soul.

CONLON.—In loving memory of my dear grandson, Arthur Nathaniel Conlon, who was drowned at Sans Souci on the 26th of January, 1902. Dead, but not forgotten. May the Lord Jesus rest on him. Inserted by his loving grandmother, Margaret Wild, 100 Glebe-street, Glebe.

CONLON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Arthur Nathaniel Conlon, who was drowned at Sans Souci on the 26th of January, 1902. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by his loving mother, father, sisters, and brothers.

CONLON.—In ever loving memory of our dearly loved brother-in-law, Arthur, who was drowned at Sans Souci January 26, 1902. Inserted by his loving sister-in-law and brother-in-law, T. and A. Roman. God rest his soul.

CONLON.—In loving remembrance of our dear friend, Arthur Conlon, who was accidentally drowned at Sans Souci on January 26, 1902. Inserted by his loving comrades, W. Honnes and B. Chacha.

COTTON.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life January 26, 1902.

Mother is gone, but not forgotten;
Nor is the good advice she gave.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Round my darling mother's grave.

Inserted by her loving daughter, Grace (Mrs. J. C. Ramsay).

JANE.—In loving memory of Isaac Gane, who departed this life 26th January, 1901, at his late residence, Botany-road, Alexandria. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

HAYTON.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our loving mother, Celina Hayton, who departed this life January 26, 1903, at Sydney Hospital. Inserted by her husband and children, R. Hayton, 43 Wyndham-street, Alexandria.

KING.—In fond remembrance of my loving father, Eleazar King, who departed this life on January 24, 1902. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving son, Edmund King.

LANFEAR.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Eunice Lanfear, who departed this life January 26, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

LEWIS.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear wife, Elizabeth Maude Lewis, who departed this life January 26, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband, Charles A. Lewis.

LEWIS.—In loving memory of my dear sister Elizabeth Lewis, who died on January 26. Inserted by her brother, Frederick, and Mrs. J. Jackson.

MAGUIRE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Ann Maguire, who departed this life, January 26, 1901, age 55 years.

Gentle in mind, patient in pain,
Our darling mother left us, Heaven to gain,
With actions so noble, generous, and kind,
Few in this world her equal could find.
Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to her Father's home above.

Inserted by her loving sons and daughters. May she rest in peace.

MEDLICOTT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Thomas Medlicott, who departed this life January 26, 1902, aged 56 years.

Two years have passed, but still we miss him,
Friends may think the wound has healed;
But they little know our sorrow
Deep within our hearts concealed.

Inserted by his loving wife, son, and daughter.

MEDLICOTT.—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Medlicott, who departed this life January 26, 1902, aged 56 years.

Had He asked us, well we know
We should cry, O spare this blow.
Yes, with streaming eyes should pray—
Lord, we love him; let him stay.

Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Frederick and Amy Medlicott.

MORT.—In affectionate remembrance of our father, Henry George Mort, who died at Sydney Hospital on January 26, 1901.

MYERS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Honora, who died at Waterloo, January 26, 1900. Inserted by her ever loving daughter and son-in-law, A. and H. Peach, and son, Percy.

NASH.—In loving memory of Jessie Nash, who died January 25, 1903. Inserted by her loving friend, Emily Tye.

O'CONNELL.—In loving memory of my dear little friend and goddaughter, Ellen Maude O'Connell, who died January 26, 1900, aged 9 months, and was interred Waverley Cemetery. Inserted by her loving godfather, Richard Wilson.

PITHERS.—In loving memory of our dear father, James Pithers, who departed this life, at his late residence, Regent-street, Kingston, on January 26, 1895; also our dear mother, Mary Ann Pithers, who died at her late residence, Regent-street, Kingston, on December 9, 1899. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by their loving daughters, Jane Lethbridge, Georgina Raiment, Elizabeth Peake and Rebecca Ann Moon.

TIGHE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Edward John Tighe, who died at Petersham, January 25, 1900.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS J. SMITH desire to return THANKS to their numerous kind relations and friends for their kind sympathy in their late and bereavement, also Dr. Sinclair Gillies and R.B.P. 406.

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THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The Labour Conference meets in its opening session to-day, and in view of the position which labour occupies in our Federal and State politics the occasion is an important one. It would be so, no doubt, in any case, because labour is at all times an important factor in our welfare and development. We are all labourers more or less, except the idle few, but since the term is restricted to those who work with their hands it may be said that their interests are also those of the community. The ancients fabled of a world resting on the back of a tortoise, without venturing to explain what the tortoise rested upon. The case is very much the same with labour. Without it our business and concerns would quickly come to a standstill. The fabric of our prosperity rests upon labour, but it is needless to remind those who live by the work of their hands that labour depends on capital, on which under existing economic conditions the wage-earner relies for his wages. It is the co-operation of the two which makes remunerative employment possible, and though agitators sometimes talk glibly enough about a return to primitive conditions, the working-man of to-day would as soon return to his own direct exertions for the necessaries of life as his wife and children would to the friction of two sticks for fire, and the use of oiled fish-skins instead of glass for their windows, or mud huts and natural caves for their dwelling places. There is not much danger of anything of that kind in Australia, where the lot of labour ought to be happier than in any other part of the world. The tendency here is in the other direction. Labour aspires to rule, to govern Parliament, to shape the policies of Ministries, to make Governments and unmake them. In a measure it has succeeded. In State and Federal politics it has for some time had the upper hand. Hence we say that for special reasons the Conference which opens to-day, to fix labour's platform and policy, is an important one.

The Conference will meet under the shadow of Mr. Watson's manifesto issued on behalf of the Labour party in Federal politics at the late election, and under that of many defeats at the poll for the Senate and at by-elections in this State, culminating in the rout of the referendum. The narrow escape of Mr. Watson for the Bland, the defeat of a prominent labour organiser at Tamworth and South Sydney, the pronounced rejection of the labour candidate for the Senate, the Labour party's support of the See Government in this State, are all matters which will be prominent in the minds of all who take a share in the Conference. It is for those who shall confer to say if they approve of these things and the blunders in tactics which led up to them, or not. Let us for the sake of clearness of illustration confine the consideration here to the position in State politics. The Labour party has consistently supported a Ministry which stands hopelessly discredited before the country. That support has committed the Labour members to a policy of extravagant expenditure, of enormous borrowing, and of opposition to constitutional reform. In details the Friedman case may be mentioned, over which the party shocked the sense of justice of its own supporters. It is not necessary to go over old ground again. The mere mention will suffice. Let us even narrow the consideration down to the question of constitutional reform, and what do we find? We find a Government shirking its promise to cut down representation in the State Parliament to reasonable dimensions. We find the Labour party eagerly seconding Ministers. Whenever the country has an opportunity of expressing itself at by-elections its voice is strongly against the behaviour of Ministers and Labour members in respect to this question. The referendum is the Labour party's own device, yet it set itself to defeat it by striking out the lowest number. Then when the crash came, and the referendum figures were made public, it was seen that Labour had put itself into opposition to the will of the country and had been ignominiously defeated. But the case was even worse than that, for the party had deserted its own first principles which included the planks of retrenchment and reform. It had to grope its way back in the dark, but it did it with a fair measure of success, for we now find the Labour party voting with reform and for reduction in the number of members. But, of course, this acrobatic turn cannot be allowed to pass without explanation. The conference offers the occasion, and while Labour is about it there will be time also to throw some light on its nearly three years' support of the See Government and the policy of extravagant expenditure and reckless borrowing.

It is a case of return to first principles, as a correspondent in another column this morning reminds the Labour organisations. If the conference may be regarded as a kind of annual audit and stock-taking it will be found, we think, that organised labour has gone hopelessly bankrupt in respect of first principles. Its support of Ministers has led it too far away from its starting point, which in so far as it regarded economical administration and the cessation of borrowing was sound enough. There is no call for anyone to oppose or adversely criticise the formation of a political party to secure such desirable ends as these, and we profess we are unable to follow our correspondent when he says that there is or was "unreasoning and bitter hostility to organised labour." In politics and in the discussion of political affairs no such hostility has been manifested, as the members of the Political Labour party would doubtless be the first to admit. But there is a distinction to be made here, and our correspondent supplies fitting words in which to express it. He says that "Labour is on the right lines in seeking by fair and constitutional methods the removal of its grievances," and there is a serious difference of opinion, as there has been from the first, as to whether the secret caucus, and the solidarity pledge, and the determination of Labour members to avoid assuming any constitutional responsibility for their actions, are properly to be catalogued in the classification of "fair and constitutional methods." To most people it has been apparent from the first that these things put the party outside the pale of strict constitutionalism, and made them what they profess to be, free lances and "frane-tireurs" in the political campaign. As the Labour members insisted on carrying on that guerilla warfare in our politics, the only title they retained was that of consistency to their platform and declared aims. But how is the conference going to reconcile this with the Parliamentary Labour Party's support of Ministers during the past two and a half years? The party has kept Ministers in power in the teeth of its own declared platform and first principles. The name of the See Cabinet was a synonym for extravagant spending and reckless borrowing until the limit of both was reached. Will the conference attempt the impossible task of reconciling the party's blunder with its policy and platform, or will it go back to first principles and use its influence to purify our body politic? That is what the conference has now to tell us.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S CAMPAIGN.

It is difficult to believe that anybody who has fairly followed the arguments for and against Mr. Chamberlain's proposals will have any doubt as to the result. There may be some persons with interests likely to be served by preferential trade who are still hoping that his campaign may prove successful, but in their case the wish is father to the thought. These are the people who have read Mr. Chamberlain's speeches without scanning the deliverances of Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. Asquith, and other trenchant fighters on the freetrade side. They, as in the case of a correspondent whose letter appears elsewhere, announce themselves as waiting anxiously for light. They ask for someone to give them the other side; they cry aloud that they have so far believed in freetrade but must now reluctantly join the ranks of those who follow the late Secretary for the Colonies. It is useless, of course, to argue with such. There may be others, however, who do not realise how thoroughly Mr. Chamberlain has been driven out of the field of argument, and who are impressed with the way in which he still poses as invincible. He has all the tricks of the debater who cares nothing for logic; and, in addition to a masterful faculty for making the best of a bad case, he has the prestige which has come from a long and successful Parliamentary career. Just by way of illustrating his methods, for those who are honestly desirous of knowing how so able a fighter falls before awkward facts, we may direct attention to a remarkable correspondence recently published in the London "Daily News." It should be noted that Mr. Chamberlain has never ceased to mourn over the supposed actual or imminent ruin of the British iron trade. The "Daily News" not long ago replied by pointing out that "whereas income tax was paid on a million and a half of profits in 1896, in 1902—six years later—income tax was paid on profits of over five millions." This statement was based upon certain figures in the Blue Book, issued by the Board of Trade last year. A Mr. Woodward was so impressed with the evidence of iron trade prosperity that he wrote to Mr. Chamberlain about the matter, and was asked in reply for the page in the Blue Book. Mr. Woodward thereupon gave chapter and verse. It appeared that the position had been understated. The profits of the iron trade in 1896 were £1,600,000, while in 1902 they had advanced to £6,600,000. Mr. Chamberlain was asked to note that "in the 30 years since 1871 the increase in the number of persons employed in the iron and steel trades is 25,000." A cutting was also enclosed from a Welsh paper, showing that the tinplate trade was increasing, and that although most of the American business had been lost it had been more than made up by other markets. Finally attention was directed to the fact that the £1 shares of Messrs. Guest, Keen, and Nettlefold were quoted at over £3 per share—the point being that Mr. Chamberlain had advised his correspondent to write to Mr. Keen for information in support of his contention that the iron trade was going to pieces. It will be noted, of course, that the iron-master who could see much possible profit for himself in a protectionist policy would be likely to help the Chamberlain campaign all he knew. Mr. Woodward complained that he had written to Mr. Keen, as suggested, but had not heard from him. Meanwhile the Board of Trade figures had been forwarded for the great iron producer's consideration, as they had been sent for Mr. Chamberlain's explanation. However, a little later Mr. Keen did reply, but only to say briefly that Mr. Chamberlain's speeches had most clearly stated the points to be considered in connection with the iron and steel and other industries, and that in Mr. Keen's opinion the country would greatly benefit by the adoption of his policy. The letter was short, and declined to give Mr. Woodward the detailed information that, on Mr. Chamberlain's advice, he had asked for.

But what of Mr. Chamberlain's reply? Curiously enough that mighty leader could only declare that he was totally unable to understand the figures in the Blue Book to which Mr. Woodward had referred, and expressed himself as quite certain that "any ironmaster would ridicule any such comparative increase in the extent or profits of the trade as the figures indicate." Yet Mr. Keen had preserved a discreet silence on this point. Mr. Chamberlain said he believed, however, that the figures included the profits on coal, which was quite another matter. He tried to meet the general difficulty by a general statement—there was no argument whatever. He said that the returns of employment in the iron and steel trade showed a diminution, and he referred to his Cardiff speech as stating that the tinplate trade was less by 80,000 tons. As to the price of shares Mr. Chamberlain said that was entirely irrelevant to the discussion. Mr. Woodward, in reply, very naturally expressed himself in strong terms. Mr. Chamberlain's remarks anent the Blue Book figures were absolutely puerile, and needed no further comment. As to the bald statement at Cardiff that the tinplate trade showed a falling off of 80,000 tons, the figures of the greatest expert in the trade were taken in preference—backed up as they were by 20 years' personal business experience in the tinplate districts of South Wales. But our readers may be reminded that when Mr. Chamberlain threw over the Board of Trade figures he hit the ironmasters themselves. Income tax is paid upon returns supplied by the people concerned; and the profits of the iron trade as stated in the Blue Book are taken from sources that cannot be challenged. It is not to the interest of the ironmasters to declare that they have made more money than the facts warrant. Then, again, when Mr. Chamberlain suggested that the profits on coal mining had been included with iron works profits he overlooked the fact that "mines" are specially accounted for in the Blue Book. For 1896 the profits from all mines are given as £12,300,000, while for 1902 they are set down at £17,600,000. But there is no need to go further. The Chamberlain-Woodward correspondence illustrates what has been going on right through the campaign. To the fallacy that the consumer would only pay part of the import duty on goods taxed to serve outlying portions of the Empire the working man has replied by overwhelming votes against preferential trade at Norwich and Gateshead, and the end is not yet. He knows that the consumer does pay every penny and more. In this part of the Empire we also know to our cost that the consumer pays, and it does not need any elaborate argument to prove the fact to the people of New South Wales.

THE TRAMWAY TROUBLE.

It is satisfactory to find that the executive of the Tramways Employees' Union is impressed with the importance of recommending that nothing shall be done by the union to alienate public sympathy, and it may be hoped that the same prudence will mark the conduct of the men at their meeting to-morrow. Into the grievances of the men we have no wish to enter, nor do we desire to inquire whether these are well founded or imaginary. That is a matter which has been listed for consideration by the tribunal erected for the settlement of industrial disputes, and in due time it will be decided upon. If in the meantime the men were to commit themselves to a course of action detrimental to the public convenience, and anticipatory of a decision which may after all not be given, they would do their cause no good. Excited threats have been made in some quarters, and there has been talk about a strike which would leave the trams in their sheds and paralyse the business and convenience of the city. Citizens are so dependent upon the trams for the performance of the day's work that a total cessation of the running, for whatever reason, would be little short of a calamity; and the executive of the union wisely recognises that the men would be going quite the wrong way to work if they "stopped the wheels from going round" because they had not received the increase to which they allege they are entitled. The object lesson taught by the Victorian engine drivers' strike is fresh in the mind.

Apart from this, and apart from the consideration that to strike now would mean conflict with the community at large, with the Government, and with the Arbitration Court, it is worth noting that the present is an especially bad time for the taking of violent measures. The tramways were worked for the year 1902-3 at a loss of £19,396, or just about the sum which was added to the expenses of the system by Parliament ordering the introduction of the eight hours principle. The percentage of profit to capital invested was lower in 1902-3 than in the preceding year, whilst the percentage of working expenses to earnings was higher. The mileage open was greater, the number of passengers carried was larger, and the working staff was increased, whilst the return per tram mile after paying working expenses stood at 1¾d in 1902-3 as against 2¼d in 1901-2, and 3d in 1887-8. Nor can it be said that the work of drivers and conductors calls for any lengthened training or particular skill. That it does not mean hard work is patent to everybody. The men have to be decently dressed—and the Commissioners supply the clothes. The drivers have to be careful about avoiding collisions in crowded thoroughfares; so have the drivers of other conveyances, the only difference being that everything has to make way for the cars. On no other system in Australia are the men treated so well as they are here, whether regard is had to payment or hours of labour. Possibly they have a right to be treated better, but that is a question remitted to the Arbitration Court, and any attempt to secure a verdict before the case is heard would, as the executive of the union sees, be strongly resented by the public.

Half a Million Treasury Bills.—It has been ascertained that on the 14th of this month Treasury bills to the amount of £500,000 were sold in London. They have a currency of four years, commencing from last August, and bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. It is stated unofficially that the amount received was £97 15s per £100 bill, which means that the Government is practically borrowing at the rate of about 4¼ per cent. The four years' currency of the bills starts from last August, but it is understood that interest is payable only from the 14th instant.

The Government and the Councils.—The abolition of the South Head-road Trust has created a bitter feeling amongst aldermen in the eastern suburbs. Some of them hint that Ministers seem to have been actuated by a desire to punish the Parliamentary representatives of the eastern metropolitan districts for having advocated reform and local government. They say, at all events, that it looks very much like partizanship. Alderman Magney asks "If economy was the cause of the Government's action why were not the same steps taken in regard to public roads within other municipalities largely supported by the Government?" The Government, he says, takes all the license fees, the dog tax, police court fines, and something like £20,000 land tax from Woollahra, and now wants to make that borough maintain additional main roads. Alderman Latimer, M.L.A., says that approximately £600,000 per annum is voted for expenditure upon the roads of the State running through unincorporated areas. Of that amount less than £30,000 annually has been expended in the metropolitan district. Speaking for Woollahra, he points out that the Government receives taxation from land valued at £1,500,000, and he regards it as monstrous that whilst the county of Cumberland contributes more than half of the land tax of the State that £3000 to the South Head-road Trust should be discontinued, especially when the traffic has more than doubled during the last seven years. On the New South Head-road it has doubled within the last three years. Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., attributes the abolition of the trust primarily to the extravagance of the Government during the past three years, the result being that struggling municipalities have to bear the brunt of the reaction. Alderman W. H. Howard (Mayor of Paddington) regards the action of the Government as the last straw to break the backs of the councils. Finally, it is contended by some aldermen that Ministers desire to force local councils to undertake the responsibilities of local government without giving them the necessary powers and rights that should accompany the system. So pronounced is the antagonism to the abolition of the trust that some aldermen are of opinion that the object of the Government should be defeated at all hazards, and that they should resign in a body.

Public Works Committee.—At the meeting of the Public Works Committee held yesterday morning Mr. W. J. Williams, M.L.A., was further examined in connection with the construction of a dam and tramway at Umberumberka Creek, Broken Hill. The committee adjourned until Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Coal for the Navy.—Mr. J. B. Sutter, the Government Commercial Agent in the East, in a letter to the Minister for Mines, requests that he be furnished with particulars regarding the coal obtained from the various leading collieries of this State. It is his desire to furnish particulars to the British naval authorities on the China station, with the object of having an extensive trial made. It is claimed that the New South Wales coal will stand stacking for a great length of time without perishing, and this is regarded as an important feature in favour of coal from this State. The Minister for Mines and Agriculture invites the co-operation of colliery-owners in the matter.

Samples of Goods for the East.—By the steamer Eastern, leaving on Saturday last, the Department of Agriculture shipped cases of samples received from various firms. The samples consised of wines, biscuits, meats, oil cake, etc., and will be useful to Mr. Sutter, the Commercial Agent visiting China, Manila, and Japan. A further lot of samples of various products of the State is being collected, and will be forwarded later on. The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Kidd, has received a cable from Mr. Sutter, who is now at Tokio, stating that blankets are wanted for the Japanese army. Quotations are required for blankets of different colours, also of all kinds of flannel underwear, navy cloth, etc. Mr. Sutter asks for samples, and Mr. Kidd states that if samples are sent to the export branch of the department the packages will be shipped to their proper destination.

Political Labour League Conference.—This morning the annual conference of the Political Labour League will commence at the Trades Hall. The business paper, which is a particularly lengthy one, contains no less than 84 recommendations from various branches of the league throughout the State. While the majority of matters to be debated refer to the State and Federal pledges of Labour candidates, still there are subjects which command the interest of all shades of political opinion. Keen discussion should take place on a recommendation from the Leichhardt League for the "creation of a Department of Public Works with political influence entirely eliminated." Preferential trade within the Empire will also be touched upon, for the Newtown-St. Peters branch will ask the conference to express an authorative opinion as to the relation of the question to Labour politics. Amendments in the platform pledges of candidates include "eight hours work to be the legal maximum working day in full occupations;" "abolition of capital punishment"; "establishment of a State Bank"; and "cessation of public borrowing."

King Edward VII. Hospital.—The Treasurer, Mr. T. Waddell, has arranged to receive a deputation at 3 p.m. on Thursday from the committee of what is called the King Edward VII. Hospital. It is understood that the committee is desirous of acquiring possession of the premises once occupied by the Workmen's Club at Miller's Point, with the object of making provision to treat patients there.

Smallpox in New Zealand.—The crisis appears to have been passed in connection with the outbreak of smallpox at Christchurch, New Zealand. According to a telegram received yesterday by the Board of Health from Sir J. G. Ward, Minister for Health, no fresh cases have been reported during the past seven days. It is inferred from this that the health authorities at Christchurch have succeeded in overtaking the disease.

Water and Sewerage Board Vacancies.—The four years' term of office of Mr. Jacob Garrard, the president, Mr. James Ward (Government nominee), Mr. John Taylor (City Council representative), and Alderman J. G. Griffin (suburban councils' representative), members of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, expires on March 22 next. Considerable speculation exists as to whether the Government will re-appoint Mr. Garrard, who has held the position for nearly five years. No one can accuse Mr. Garrard of not having mastered all the details of the department both in regard to water supply and sewerage matters. Thoroughness and an astonishing capacity for hard work are characteristic of the president, and on every subject referred to him he makes his own inquiries in preference to having the data supplied by his officers. A rumour is in circulation that the Government intends to appoint the Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan) to the position, which carries a salary of £700 per annum, but little credence is attached to the statement—in fact, it has been denied by more than one Minister. It is hinted, however, that there is a possibility of Mr. Francis Clarke, who was defeated in the recent Federal Parliamentary elections, getting the Government's nomination in lieu of Mr. James Ward. For the post of City Council representative Alderman Evan Jones, R. W. Richards, and R. Mackey are candidates. Mr. John Taylor, who is not now a member of the council, has occupied a seat on the board for 10 years. Alderman J. G. Griffin, the suburban councils' representative, will have as his chief opponent Alderman J. H. Cardew, civil engineer and surveyor, of Burwood.

Greatre Sydney.—Alderman J. D. Fitzgerald is endeavouring to revive the discussion of the greater Sydney question, and has given notice of the following motions for the council meeting on Wednesday evening:—(a) "That, in the opinion of this council, the powers bestowed by Parliament upon the municipal bodies operating on the Greater Sydney area are quite inadequate for the important work to be done." (b) "That the agitation for a Greater Sydney should be renewed, in order that public opinion may be formed as to the necessity for Parliament immediately conferring upon the larger area a municipal government commensurate with the importance of Sydney as the chief city and port of Australasia." (c) "That, in furtherance of the Greater Sydney movement, a memorial be presented to the Premier, Sir John See, asking him to redeem his promise to create a statutory convention, elected by the citizens of the city and suburban areas, to draft a charter for a Greater Sydney."

Proposed Week of 44 Hours.—Towards the close of 1901 a movement was set on foot amongst the different unions connected with the building trade for the purpose of endeavouring to have 44 hours recognised as a working week. Much discussion took place, but no decision was come to. A conference of the societies having the same object in view was held last week at the Trades Hall. The conference proceeded with closed doors. The results of the deliberations were not made known, and inquiries from some of the delegates failed to elicit any information regarding the business transacted.

Local Manufacture of Railway Engines.—An interesting departure from the old policy of the railway authorities was made a little while ago, when they took steps to ascertain whether it was possible to locally obtain railway engines. Some years ago efforts were made to manufacture locomotives in New South Wales, but it did not lead to the permanent establishment of the industry. However, the Commissioners recently invited tenders for 60 engines, half the number to be for passenger traffic, and the remaining 30 for heavy goods work. The conditions were that the engines should be made in the State. Notwithstanding that fact, three firms from abroad—possibly anticipating that no local tenders would be accepted—sent offers which, under ordinary circumstances, might have received more attention. They were, however, discarded, at all events for the time being. One tender was from an English firm, another from a firm in Germany, and a third from South Australia. The New South Wales tenderers were the Clyde Engineering Company, Pitzroy Dock, and G. and C. Hoskins. The Commissioners opened the tenders yesterday afternoon, but did not come to any decision. They placed the whole of the documents in the possession of Mr. Thow, chief mechanical engineer, with instructions to furnish a report upon the tenders.

Objectionable Schools of Arts.—The Minister for Education (Mr. Perry), speaking last night at the distribution of certificates to students at the Sydney School of Arts evening classes, said he regretted that there were some Schools of Arts that appeared to exist solely for the sake of providing variety entertainments and amusements of that kind for young people. Such institutions were never intended for those purposes, and so long as he was Minister for Education he would not consent to subsidies being given to them. The Sydney School of Arts was however, doing excellent work, and although it might not prove as financially profitable to the committee as some of the institutions he had referred to, yet it was very much more profitable to the State.

A Relic of the Commonwealth.—When Earl Hopetoun proclaimed the Commonwealth amidst the greatest crowd that ever assembled in Centennial Park, he stood in a pavilion that in outward appearance, if not in actual solidity, was appropriate for such an occasion. But all that now remains of that historic structure is a solid hexagonal block of Australian stone—trachyte, from Bowral—which, deprived of its gorgeous shelter and knocked out of position, still braves the elements in Centennial Park. The six sides of the block were designed to be symbolical of the States of the Commonwealth, and it was precisely upon this

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

PROFESSOR ASHLEY.

DOUBTS ABOUT PREFERENCE.

LOOSENING OF THE EMPIRE BONDS.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Mr. W. J. Ashley, Professor of Commerce and Public Finance at the Birmingham University, lecturing before the London Institution on Saturday night on the fiscal policy, said that he had not unbounded confidence in the efficacy of the preferential plan, but it was the only chance of preserving the Empire intact.

If Great Britain declined to negotiate with the colonies other nations would negotiate with them.

The danger ahead was not disloyalty or hostility to the motherland, but a gradual loosening of the bonds, unless some new force counteracted the tendency.

THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.

SUPPORTS MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Duke of Bedford (Liberal Unionist) has informed the Bedford Liberal Unionists that he is a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's policy as the best means of bridging the gulf of fiscal disunion between the colonies and the motherland.

GERMAN WAR CLAIMS.

AN INSOLENT REMINDER.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

German newspapers complain that the British Commission appointed to decide on the amount payable to foreigners for losses sustained by the war in South Africa have awarded Germans £44,000 instead of £600,000.

The newspapers declare that the situation throughout the world scarcely warrants Great Britain treating Germany as a nonentity.

HOME RULE AGITATION.

IRISH VOTE IN ENGLISH CONSTITUENCIES.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The "Freeman's Journal," commenting upon the Irish vote at the Gateshead election, says that there are at least 50 constituencies in England and Scotland where the Irish are able to render the same service to Home Rule as at Gateshead.

The Liberal candidate, Mr. Johnson, was returned for Gateshead by a majority of 1068 votes over Lord Morpeth, the Conservative candidate. As it is claimed that 2000 Irish voters in the electorate voted for Mr. Johnson and Home Rule, as against Lord Morpeth and the maintenance of the Education Act, which is favoured by the Roman Catholic Church, it will be seen that the successful candidate owed his victory to the Irish electors.

URUGUAY REVOLUTION.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The evolution in Uruguay, South America, has been supressed. The Government troops have defeated the rebels near Melo, 205 miles north-east of Monte Video. Two hundred rebels were killed, and 300 others were wounded. The Government losses numbered 60.

The revolution was caused by disaffection at the appointment of Departmental Prefects. A compromise was arranged in March last, but dissatisfaction arising owing to the manner in which the terms of the arrangement were interpreted the revolutionists again resorted to arms.

FLOOD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

STEEL MILLS INVADED.

THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The Allegheny River, Pennsylvania, has risen 28 feet above its usual level, and is gaining in volume hourly.

The flood has destroyed several bridges. Buildings have been flooded along the river fronts at Pittsburg, where there are 25,000 unemployed owing to the plants of the steel mills being under water.

Railway tracks in Pennsylvania are flooded, and passengers of railway trains have been rescued in skiffs.

[The above appeared in yesterday's second edition.]

GREAT FIRE IN NORWAY.

LOSS OF LIFE.

FLAMES EXTEND TO VESSELS.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Further particulars of the great fire at Aalesund, Norway, show that several deaths occurred. Of the buildings in the town, the Customs warehouse and 20 small houses are alone standing.

Flames from the burning town caught steamers in the harbour. All the small craft were destroyed.

The severe weather is entailing intense suffering upon the homeless citizens.

Relief expeditions are hurrying from the mainland to the island on which the town is situated.

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RELIEF FROM GERMANY.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The German Emperor has despatched to Aalesund a Hamburg liner and the cruiser Prinz Heinrich, with doctors, medical stores, provisions, bedding, and clothing.

COMMANDER GAUNT.

PROPOSED ITALIAN RECEPTION.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The Italian Navy League is organising a reception to Commander E. Gaunt, of H.M.S. Mohawk, who punished the natives of Fort Durbo, Somaliland, for firing on an Italian dhow and killing Lieutenant Commander Grabau.

Commander Gaunt is expected in Rome in February 6.

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A CONSERVATIVE DEFECTION.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Lord Wimborne, who is to give a banquet to mark the reconciliation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Lord Rosebery, has resigned the office of President of the East Dorset Conservative Association.

The resignation has caused a sensation.

[The above appeared in yesterday's second edition.]

THE FAR EAST.

JAPANESE IN KOREA.

LANDING AT CHEMULPHO.

REPORTED OCCUPATION OF MASAMPHO.

RIOTING AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

JAPANESE GROSSLY TREATED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

There are rumours that the Japanese have occupied Masampho, on the southern coast of Korea.

Though the rumoured occupation of this port is not confirmed, the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "New York Herald" states that it is officially posted at St. Petersburg that Japan has landed troops and guns at Chemulpho, the port of Seoul.

M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, suggests that Russia and Japan are both entitled to land troops in Korea to preserve peace in that empire.

RUSSIA'S PACIFIC INTENTIONS.

JAPANESE INCREDIBLE.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Daily Mail" states that Japanese reports allege that at his New Year's reception the Czar reminded M. Kurino, the Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, that Russia was a strong Power.

The Tokio correspondent of the "Times" reports that the rumours of the pacific intentions of Russia are not credited, and that Japan is absolutely determined to fight for a thoroughly satisfactory settlement.

M. Bezabrozoff, a member of the Russian Privy Council, has been sent to Port Arthur to assist in the negotiations with Japan. The despatch of this Minister is regarded as a pacific sign.

OUTRAGES ON JAPANESE.

AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

RUSSIAN MARINES' ORGY.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Letters from Vladivostock which have reached Tokio state that Russian marines landed in the town on the 9th instant, wrecked 24 Japanese houses, ravished Japanese women, and wounded old men and children.

The rioting lasted 20 hours, and their officers accompanied the rioters. The civil authorities did not attempt to restrain the marines.

The Japanese press urge the withdrawal of all Japanese from Siberia.

THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

PREPARED FOR ACTION.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Most of the Russian fleet is stationed outside Port Arthur harbour ready for action.

GREAT RUSSIAN MORTALITY.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Defective sanitation and bad food are causing great mortality among Russian troops in the Far East.

SITUATION UNALTERED.

NO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in London, says that the situation between Japan and Russia is unaltered. He asserts that there has been no exchange of views between the two Powers since Japan on December 30 presented her Note to Russia embodying the irreducible minimum of her demands.

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SOME SECRET HISTORY REVEALED.

A RUSSIAN PROPOSAL.

FOR DESTRUCTION OF JAPANESE FLEET.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

The "Republique Francaise" (Paris) declares that after the Japanese naval victory over the Chinese in 1894 the Russian Admiral proposed to Vice-Admiral de Beaumont, who commanded the French squadron in the Far East, that they should attack and destroy the Japanese fleet, which after its hard work would not be likely to offer serious resistance.

Vice-Admiral de Beaumont refused to agree to the proposal.

[The above appeared in yesterday's second edition.]

After a quiet period the news from the Far East is again disquieting. Japan is reported to have landed troops and guns at Chemulpho. There is a railway 30 miles in length from Chemulpho to Seoul, the capital. The railway is in the hands of a Japanese company. The landing of troops and guns does not amount to an act of aggression, the Japanese being well within their treaty rights, but in view of the recent supposed signs of peace it indicates that the situation in the East cannot be judged by the fragments of news that occasionally come forward. Apparently, however, this latest bit of information is authentic.

All statements of a month ago that Japan's obviously best policy is to strike early if at all are equally true at the present moment. The extent to which reliance can be placed on the news that leaks out may be judged by the fact that in the middle of December last an ostensibly well-informed correspondent in St. Petersburg notified his paper that a compromise would certainly be effected within a few days. It is now near the end of January, and it seems that for nearly a month the world has been entertained by ingenious correspondents in the East, whereas, as a matter of fact, negotiations between Russia and Japan have been at a standstill since December 30, when Japan presented her irreducible minimum.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the "New York Herald" recently wrote:—"I am sorry to state that Russia's object is merely to gain time. She has no more intention of allowing Mukden, or any other town in Manchuria, to be opened, or of evacuating Manchuria than ever she had. So far as I can gather from my conversation with Russians, and from the tone of the Russian press, her position is this: She is ready to bestow an unctuous benediction on Japan's efforts to civilise Formosa; she is even prepared to go so far as to approve, within certain limits and under certain guarantees and conditions, of Japanese emigration to Korea. But when asked to open up Manchuria, or even to give Japan a free hand in Korea, she answers only with that half-amused, half-pitying smile of a man whom a spoilt child asks for the moon. In any case, Mukden cannot be opened till the Chino-American treaty is ratified a year hence, and by that time Russia will have become so strong in Manchuria that all talk of treating that country as part of China will have ceased."

One of the interesting points in the Eastern problem relates to the pretensions which Japan has in regard to Manchuria. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London "Standard" gives the following opinion:—"It is now known that Russia's reply to Japan is confined exclusively to the question of Korea, and does not even allude to Manchuria. Russia intimates that she cannot withdraw her claims to move troops across Northern Korea, as it is of the highest importance for her to have an alternative means of access to Port Arthur and direct communication between Port Arthur and Vladivostock. Russia, it is understood, declares further that it is indispensable for the maintenance of her predominant position in the Far East that she should have the right of coaling stations on the Korean coast. In return for these privileges Russia is prepared to hand Southern Korea over to Japan, practically to do what she likes with.

"Notwithstanding that these proposals are far from what Japan is in principle disposed to grant, it is expected confidently here that she will finish by accepting them, the more so as Russia has indirectly given it to be understood that in that event she would be prepared to exchange views with Japan on the subject of Manchuria, and meet her on that question as far as possible. This must not be taken to imply, however, that Russia will agree to the principle of the 'Open Door' in Manchuria. She is willing to make concessions, but will not go to such a length as the 'Open Door' unless Japan is vigorously supported by the other Powers."

The preceding paragraph takes us up to the point of Russia's programme as to an open door policy in Manchuria. The following extract from the London "Daily Telegraph" throws light upon the situation both as to Manchuria and Korea:—"It is certain that the American Administration is definitely resolved to maintain strenuously the international status of Manchurian territory. It is at least likely that the immediate controversy which has so keen an interest for the Japanese nation is confined to the relations they insist upon maintaining with Korea. Japan is told in a superior strain that it must not be presumptuous enough to look for any real power of control throughout Korea. The establishing of the Mikado's power on the coast, or of his influence throughout the interior, would be inconsistent with the safety of the Straits. It is taken as a sort of postulate for all discussion that Russia must have an absolutely unimpeded way by land and water from her naval base in the Liao-tung Peninsula to the older and more developed station of Vladivostock. Otherwise—so the ingenuously imperious demonstration runs—how would she be able to assert an invincible predominance over the whole of the eastern seaboard? We cannot wonder that patriotic Japanese decline to accept this bald assertion of a right not only to continue the desired expansion, but to monopolise the very region which they had marked out as their proper sphere of action."

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE CAPETOWN ELECTION.

BONDITES DISPIRITED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The organs of the Afrikander Bond lament the victory of Progressives at Capetown after the Bond had strained every nerve to return labour candidates.

The "Onsland," a Bond journal, describes the successful candidates, Messrs. Thorne, Jagger, and Cartwright, as political slaves.

CHINESE FOR THE RAND.

A REFERENDUM PETITION.

LONDON, Jan. 24.

Forty-five thousand adult white males have signed the petition of the Transvaal Importation Association in favour of Asiatic labour.

Since the 15,000 Government employees in the colony were not permitted to sign, the number who have signed are equal to 70 per cent. of the population.

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BRITISH MISSION TO THIBET.

IMPOSSIBLE TERMS PROPOSED.

OPPOSITION TO ADVANCE THREATENED.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

A Thibetan General and a number of lamas met Colonel Younghusband, the principal of the British mission to Thibet, now entrenched at Tuna, and proposed to him impossible conditions.

The Thibetans threatened that if the British advance was continued Colonel Younghusband would meet with opposition. The Thibetan General offered favourable terms if the British would retire to Yatung, near the Indian entrance to the Chumbi Valley.

When the General was told that to retire was impossible he said that trouble would ensue.

Colonel Younghusband replied that the British desired a peaceful settlement, but were ready to meet opposition.

The lamas exhibit much hostility to the British mission.

The British Mission passed through Yatung on December 13. When the mission had crossed the frontier all the Thibetan chiefs and soldiers stationed in the Chumbi Valley made a hasty retreat.

THE BALKANS.

REFORMS IN MACEDONIA.

BULGARIA INDIGNANT.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Bulgaria is indignant with the Sublime Porte for having in a recent communique to the Powers implied that Bulgaria is responsible for reforms not being executed in Macedonia.

TURKISH TROOPS CONCENTRATING.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Turkey is concentrating troops near the Kustendil province of Bulgaria and at Adrianople.

DRURY LANE THEATRE.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The theatres committee of the London County Council reports that Drury Lane Theatre is not safe against an outbreak of fire.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Pope has received Dr. Reville, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bendigo, Victoria.

Arthur Lynch, who was convicted of high treason for fighting with the Boers, and whose sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life, has been released on license. He is disqualified from sitting in Parliament.

A TRAIN DERAILED.

LISMORE, Monday.

The train from Casino to Lismore was this afternoon derailed two miles from Lismore. A timber truck left the track, and the couplings breaking released the engine, which did not leave the rails. The trucks and van were damaged to some extent, but the carriage, with about 16 passengers, did not leave the track. No one was injured. The passengers were brought on by the engine, and the train for Byron Bay started about half an hour late. Fortunately the country is perfectly level where the accident happened, otherwise the passengers' carriage would have been dragged over.

Later.

The derailed train was made up of two timber trucks, an ordinary truck, one louvre van loaded with butter, the guard's van, and two carriages containing 30 passengers. The two timber trucks and the truck with the louvre van were derailed when the couplings broke. The brakes, fortunately, kept the passenger carriages on the track, but the guard's van was slightly damaged, the guard narrowly escaping injury. From the marks the trucks left the rail where no defect existed, and travelled on the sleepers for 150 yards, where they overturned. The engine coupling broke. The brakes immediately acting probably saved serious injury to the passenger carriages and their occupants.

Not much damage was done to the permanent way, but one of the timber trucks and the louvre van and the guard's van were damaged more or less. A gang of men was speedily got to work, and had cleared the line by 7 o'clock. The track will have been repaired in time for the early excursion train to-morrow.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

VICTORIA BARRACKS QUESTION.

In connection with the possibility of the Commonwealth Government disposing of the site on which the Victoria Barracks now stand, it is mentioned that the Minister for Defence may, after considering the matter, decide that the price which will have to be paid for the site is likely to be so high that it will not pay to retain it. The land became automatically vested in the Commonwealth when the Defence Department was taken over, but it by no means follows that the present owners will retain it. There is always a possibility of its being reverted in the State, the same as has been done with many of the border Custom-houses in the various States. Other lands have been taken over by the Commonwealth in connection with the Defence Department, and it is understood that the Commonwealth Ministry is now considering whether it will not be of more advantage to it to erect new buildings elsewhere for barrack purposes, and allow the Victoria Barracks to revert to New South Wales. There are, of course, several questions to be considered in connection with the matter, one of which is the cost of new buildings; but a gentleman who is in a position to be pretty well informed on the subject states that the possibility of that course being followed is by no means remote.

THE MAIL CONTRACT.

AUTOMATIC STOKING MACHINES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER).

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Although no tenders have yet been received for the English mail contracts under the new conditions, Sir P. Fysh is hopeful that he will have at least two from which to make a selection. It is understood that Messrs. Spreckles, of San Francisco, asked for special information about the terms of the service. This was supplied, but they as yet have made no advances.

A patent automatic stoking machine was recently brought under the notice of the Postmaster-General. It was claimed for it that it would feed boilers in a steamer with greater expedition than men, and that it would place new fuel below instead of on top of burning coal. The proposal opened up a new vista of possibilities for Sir P. Fysh, but reference to the Australian shipping companies soon dashed his hopes. They informed him that they knew of the existence of such automatic stokers, that they were used on shore, but that they had not been used on steamers, and that, in short, they doubted their applicability to the boilers on mailboats.

CAPTAIN CRESWELL.

Captain Creswell has arrived in Melbourne to assist the Defence Department in drafting regulations for the Australian local naval forces.

COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

As anticipated many months ago, Colonel Owen, of the New South Wales Military Forces, has been offered the position of Commonwealth Commissioner for Public Works. In is reported that the offer will be accepted. The office carries a salary of £800 a year.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

A CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION.

SIR JOHN FORREST'S ASSURANCES.

AN INTERESTING STORY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

If there was any Minister who owed it to New South Wales to see that she was not kept from her constitutional rights in connection with the capital, Sir William Lyne was that man. In his capacity as Minister for Home Affairs he had every opportunity, and he neglected it. Now it is Sir John Forrest's turn to deal with the matter, and after all the humbug experienced at the hands of Sir William Lyne it is refreshing to hear some definite assurances that the matter will be pushed on with vigour. Sir John Forrest can scarcely express himself as he does and then leave things as the first Home Minister left them. He said very decidedly to-day that there had already been too much delay. New South Wales had been too long kept out of her rights. There was a constitutional obligation, continued Sir John, to give the mother State the capital at a date as early as possible. He would adopt no policy leading to delay. Everything towards facilitating the selection would be hurried along.

The Minister expects to receive the interim reports from the surveyors who are now busy in the Bombala and Tumut districts. He looks forward to having some information of value when the House meets, and a month after that he hopes to have all that members will require to enable them to come to a decision.

It is scarcely probable that Sir John Forrest would be so confident about an early settlement if he was afraid of Victorian opposition to the capital leaving Melbourne. Doubtless he has weighed the matter well, and relies on the fair play of members from the other States to pull him through. Both Mr. Chapman and Sir William Lyne are still confident that the site will be chosen in their respective electorates, but with the new composition of the House speculation would be very risky. It is not likely, however, that the Senate will alter its decision in favour of Bombala. Sir John Forrest favours this district, and Ministerial influence is certain to be valuable.

A Federal member tells an interesting story about the tactics displayed by Mr. Chapman and Sir William Lyne to win votes for their constituences during the ballot for the capital at the close of last Parliament. The incident may be somewhat coloured, but it possesses much that is at least very probable. He affirms that Mr. Chapman was quite willing that Tumut should get a majority in the House of Representatives, provided that Bombala won in the Senate. Each Minister was anxious to shelve the question until the election had been fought. Sir William Lyne in particular, it is said, was very apprehensive of his chances for the Hume if by any chance Tumut and Albury had both been defeated in the choice. It is no secret that he was chiefly instrumental in securing a place for Mr. Chapman in the Ministry, and naturally the latter would be grateful for the assistance and would not be disposed to refuse any reasonable favour in return. On the authority of the member who details the story Sir William Lyne strongly represented to Mr. Chapman that the defeat of either Tumut or Albury on the one side, or both, and Bombala on the other, would be disastrous to either one or the other of the Ministers at the polls. This he impressed on his younger colleague, and the result was that while he had a comparatively free field for whipping and manipulation among the members of the House of Representatives, Mr Chapman enjoyed a similar immunity in favour of Bombala in the Senate. The deadlock was thus reached, and the settlement shelved to the disappointment of all the members in both Houses, with the exception perhaps of the Victorians and the two Ministers from New South Wales, who should have been most energetic and sincere in securing immediate finality.

NEW ZEALAND.

AN EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENT.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Mr. Latrobe, formerly of Auckland, but now in England, a graduate of the New Zealand University, has been appointed director of the Wellington Technical School, in succession to Mr. Riley, resigned.

THE ENGLISH ELEVEN.

MATCH AGAINST TASMANIAN FIFTEEN.

HOBART, Monday.

Heavy rain falling brought the cricket match between England and Tasmania to an abrupt conclusion. Cricket commenced in fine weather, but the heavy storm this evening may spoil the wicket for to-morrow. The Englishmen went first to the wickets, and hit up 185. Eady bowled in splendid form, troubling all the batsmen. Several chances, off him were missed. A perfect wicket was prepared, and there was a large attendance. Tasmania, when play was stopped for the day, had lost four wickets for 116. The scores are as follows:—

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

Warner, c Cuff, b Smith	...	26
Tyldesley, b Eady	...	4
Foster, c Cuff, b Smith	...	43
Arnold, c Cuff, b Smith	...	4
Knight, c Smith, b Windsor	...	19
Beaumont, b Eady	...	33
Lilley, c Cuff, b Windsor	...	11
Relf, thrown out Douglass	...	24
Rhodes, not out	...	6
Fielder, c Eady, b Windsor	...	1
Strudwick, b Eady	...	1
Sundries	...	11
Total	...	185

Bowling: Windsor, three for 69; Fulton, none for 24; Smith, three for 42; Eady, three for 46.

TASMANIA 15.—First Innings.

R. Hawson, c Arnold, b Beaumont	...	29
L. Cuff, c Tyldesley, b Relf	...	9
G. Douglas, not out	...	36
N. Dodds, c Rhodes, b Arnold	...	24
E. A. Windsor, c Arnold, b Rhodes	...	2
C. J. Eady, not out	...	15
Sundries	...	...
Total for four wickets	...	116

WALLAROO RELIEF FUND.

Amount already acknowledged	...	£22 10 0
Mr. T. S. Hall	...	2 2 0

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Lord Northcote received visits at the Federal Government House, Melbourne, yesterday morning from representatives of the headquarters' staffs of the military and naval forces.

Colonel Lyster left Adelaide for Sydney yesterday to take up his new duties.

The Premier of Victoria (Mr. Irvine) returned to Melbourne on Sunday from Tasmania, where he has been holiday making for a month.

Our Cooma correspondent telegraphs that on Saturday Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Wise passed through Cooma, en route to Bombala.

Miss Ada Crossley and Company left Albany for South Africa by the steamer Wakool on Saturday night. The popular singer was given an enthusiastic farewell at Albany.

Mr. H. W. Kent, who for the past eight years has been connected with the Melbourne office of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, has resigned his position owing to failing health.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney Liedertafel last night the chairman (Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C.), on behalf of the members, wished bon voyage to Mr. H. P. Dixon, a prominent member, who is leaving on a trip to Europe by the R.M.S. Moldavia.

The remains of the late Mr. William Newman, of Messrs. David Jones and Co., were brought to Sydney yesterday by the steamer Miowera from Vancouver. Mrs. Newman and the Misses Newman (2) were passengers by the same vessel. Arrangements for the interment in Sydney are being made.

Colonel Herbert Adolphe Coddington, D.S.O., was a passenger by the R.M.S. Miowera which reached Sydney yesterday. Colonel Coddington is attached to the Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), and has seen active service in South Africa, where he was Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General in the Natal district.

Mrs. David Curtin, who died at her residence, Acasia, Old South Head-road, Waverley, on Sunday, was well known through her association with benevolent movements of the Roman Catholic Church. A requiem mass will be conducted at St. Charles' Church, Waverley, this morning.

We regret to have to announce the death at Hobart on the 23rd inst. of Mrs. Fraser, wife of the Rev. John G. Fraser, D.D., warden of Camden College. The deceased lady had been for many years actively engaged on the committee of the Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Baglin, an old and highly respected resident of Waverley, died yesterday. The deceased was the widow of the late Alderman Llewellyn Baglin, one of the first elected aldermen in the borough, and was well known for her many acts of charity. She leaves a grown up family who are all married.

A well-attended meeting of the friends and admirers of the late Mr. John Farrell was held last night for the purpose of deciding what steps should be taken to perpetuate his memory. A number of suggestions were discussed, and it was finally agreed that a Farrell Memorial Fund be opened for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to publish the memorial edition of the poetical works of the deceased, the proceeds to be for the benefit of his widow and family.

Lord Tennyson, en route to England, and Sir G. R. Le Hunte, Governor of South Australia, who is on a visit to Western Australia, reached Fremantle in the Omrah yesterday. They were met by Captain Horne, A.D.C., representing Sir F. Bedford, and by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Kingsmill. Lord Tennyson went to Perth for a few hours and visited Bishop Riley. Sir G. R. Le Hunte went to Rottnest Island, where he will be the guest of Sir F. Bedford, who is staying at the vice-regal summer residence.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" companionship tendered a complimentary smoke concert on Saturday evening at Fitzgerald's Hotel to Mr. W. C. Creswell, who for 20 years was an employee of the "Herald" proprietary, and who occupied the position of father of the "Herald" chapel. Mr. J. J. Ferguson (father of the chapel) presided, and in proposing the toast of "Our Guest" took the opportunity to present Mr. Creswell with a purse of sovereigns, subscribed by his fellows. The toast was supported by Messrs. G. Brown and L. Bullot. Mr. Creswell suitably responded.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees), accompanied by Mr. T. H. Nesbitt, town clerk, yesterday returned the official visits of the undermentioned Consuls:—Messrs. L. Nettement, Acting Consul-General for France; J. T. Tillock, Consul-General for Argentine Republic; J. W. R. Love, Consul for Greece; S. Iwasaki, Consul-General for Japan; E. Resch, Consul for the Netherlands; A. B. Joske, Consul for Paraguay; E. Sandeman Collum, Consul for Portugal; E. Pauss, Consul for Sweden and Norway; M. Ratty, Consul for Switzerland; J. Currie Ellies, Vice-Consul for Belgium; J. M. Paxton, Consul for Peru; T. Boesen, Consul for Denmark.

As the Premier is resting for some days at his residence, Wentworth Falls, he will not be present to-day to represent the Government at the luncheon to be given on board the steamer Moldavia, the flagship in connection with the Anniversary Regatta. Sir John See has written to the regatta committee expressing regret that he will not be present, but intimating that his colleague, Mr. T. Waddel (Treasurer) will attend the function as the representative of the Government. The Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan) will also be present during portion of the afternoon. In the evening he will represent the Government at the demonstration which is to take place at Balmain in connection with the enstedfodd. Mr. Perry (Minister for Education) will attend the A.N.A. fete on behalf of the Government.

The Grand Master of the Freemasons' Lodges of New South Wales, Bro. J. C. Remington, paid a visit to Cooma on Saturday last, accompanied by the following Grand Lodge officers:—Bros. A. Scott, D.G.M., Hungerford, S.G.W., Simpson, J.G.W., Washington Soul, G.T., Coffill, P.B.B., Bray, G.S., Snape, G.A., Arnott, G.D.C., Chouller, G.S.B., M'Kinsopp, J.G., Cooper, D.C.P., and Wearne, G.S. The visitors were met by Bro. Margoschis, W.M., of Lodge Monaro 164, and other officers. A cordial welcome was extended to the visitors by the Worshipful Master at the Cooma Hotel, Bro. Remington responding. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Mount Gladstone, where the visitors obtained a splendid view of the Snowy Mountains, including Kosciusko. After refreshments they returned to town, when the Grand Master addressed members in three degrees. In the evening supper was partaken at the Cooma Hotel, and the usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Grand Master Remington addressed the brethren. The Grand Master and officers left for Bombala.

Sir John Forrest has had a unique career in Australian politics as an Executive Minister. It is 21 years this month since Sir John Forrest joined the Western Australian Executive, at the time when the goldfields State was a Crown colony. His reign has never been broken, for when the Crown Administration gave way to self-government the present Minister for Home Affairs secured the position of first Premier. His success as an office holder was remarkable. He carried the colony along until federation was achieved, when he joined the Barton Cabinet as Minister for Defence. Like Sir William Lyne in New South Wales, Sir John Forrest did little towards bringing about the union. In the early days of the Federal Parliament he used to amuse the House by his attempt to rule as he had ruled his local Legislature in the West. Members, however, would not take him seriously. They laughed at his threat of Western Australia breaking away from the bond if the transaustralian railway were not speedily built, and by degrees Sir John took to softer methods.

A number of citizens have evinced a desire to mark the general appreciation of the distinguished honour which was conferred on the city by the King when he elevated the office of Chief Magistrate to a Lord Mayoralty. The suggestion has been made that the most suitable means to this end, and to commemorate the beginning of a new era in civic government, would be the purchase and presentation to this city of a bust of the first Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Thomas Hughes, who has just vacated the position. Such a memento could be placed in the Town Hall. The cost of a bust in marble is estimated at about £200, and it has been decided to invite the citizens generally to participate in the movement. Mr. G. S. Littlejohn and Mr. J. Barre Johnston, president and ex-president respectively of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, are acting as hon. secretaries of the movement, and the present Lord Mayor (Alderman S. E. Lees) is hon. treasurer. Already a number of subscriptions have come to hand spontaneously. The preparation of the bust has been entrusted to Mr. Nelson Illingworth, the well-known sculptor, and yesterday in the Lord Mayor's room there was on view a plaster cast of Sydney's first Lord Mayor. Those who inspected the model agreed that it gives an excellent and life-like representation of Alderman Hughes.

SECOND EDITION

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 11d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16d since Saturday.

THE ENGLISH MAILS.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The R.M.S. Orotava, from London, did not arrive until shortly before midnight. Mails for the Eastern States leave Adelaide by special train about 4 o'clock to-morrow morning.

PHILLIP'S LANDING PLACE.

The story of January 26, 1788, had been so often told that until a few years ago one would have said with every feeling of confidence that Governor Phillip landed somewhere on Dawes Point, took possession of the east coast of Australia there, and hoisted the English flag.

But, much to everyone's surprise, it was fully proved by a paper read at a meeting of the Historical Society (November, 1900) that the honour of the official landing must be taken from the west side of Sydney Cove and given to the east.

On consulting the journals of the period (Collins, Hunter, Tench, etc.), as well as the first plan of Sydney and the first sketch of the infant settlement, with the Union Jack proudly flying from the first flagstaff close to the Governor's canvas house adjoining the land laid out for the Governor's garden, in which was built the first Government House, there was no longer any doubt as to where the interesting ceremony of our Natal Day took place, when—"In the evening of this day (January 26, 1788) the whole party that came round in the Supply were assembled at the point where they had landed in the morning, and on which a flagstaff had been purposely erected and an Union Jack displayed, when the marines fired several volleys, between which the Governor and officers who accompanied him drank the health of his Majesty (George III.) and the Royal Family, and success to the colony."

Following the history of this first flagstaff, it was found that in November, 1791, it was moved to a battery on Dawes Point, by Governor Phillip's orders, no reason being given for such removal. The mound on which the flagstaff had been raised was also removed, and the soil thrown into the Governor's garden close by. Then a Government store was built on the site the mound had occupied—a store which was, as Collins wrote, "by far the best store in the country" (December 1791), having two stories. Many old views of Sydney have this building clearly shown.

The moving of the flagstaff to Dawes Point so early in our history no doubt accounts for the mistake arising as to which side of the Cove the official landing and hoisting of the colours took place. The alterations of time have made it a little difficult to place the exact position of that storehouse, but the author of the abovementioned paper on this subject expressed the opinion that it should be just about where Macquarie's obelisk now stands.

Quite accidentally we found among our books a few weeks ago some evidence in support of this opinion, as the following extracts from an old "Sydney Guide," 1861, will show. Failing any authentic data to support them, they can hardly, perhaps, be called proofs, but will show at any rate that as late as 1861 Macquarie's obelisk was looked upon as an historical landmark.

I. "Tradition has usually assigned the obelisk in Macquarie-place as the spot where the inauguration took place, and we see no reason to doubt its truth. The pretty meandering stream of fresh water now known as the Tank Stream was the principal reason for the selection of this locality."

II. "The Obelisk.—This is supposed to be the spot where Governor Phillip first hoisted the British flag on his taking possession of the country."

Perhaps it is as well to remind the present generation that Bridge-street takes its name from the bridge that once connected the eastern and western side by spanning the Tank Stream; also that the head waters of Sydney Cove (now Circular Quay) were reclaimed. The "pretty meandering stream" was diverted, so it has disappeared from public view, though its presence still has an uncomfortable way of reminding property owners in parts of Pitt-street that its ghost still lurks among the foundations of their buildings.

Nowadays, when passing Macquarie-place, few give even a thought to the obelisk, short as it is of all attempts to keep it a finger-post in our history. Perhaps when the Macquarie volume of the "Government History from the Records" makes its appearance some light will be shed on this subject.

M. L.

[It has to be borne in mind that there were in 1788 two celebrations in Sydney Cove—that of January 26, of which our correspondent writes, another for the formal proclamation of the colony on February 7, which, according to Barton's "History of New South Wales," vol. 1, page 262, took place at Dawes Point.—Ed. S.M.H.]

DEATH OF SIR GRAHAM BERRY.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Sir Graham Berry, who had been seriously ill for some weeks past, died this afternoon at his residence, St. Kilda. Sir Graham was a native of London, having been born at Twickenham in 1822. On arrival in Melbourne in 1852 he began business as a general storekeeper and wine and spirit merchant. In 1856 he returned to England. His visit was very brief, and in a few months he again came out. Shortly afterwards the increasing interest he took in political matters induced him to give up his grocery business and to commence a journalistic career. He obtained his first entrance into Parliament in 1861, as member for East Melbourne. In 1875 he attained to the height of his ambition, becoming Premier, Chief Secretary, and Treasurer on the defeat of the Kerferd-cum-Service Administration, but his Ministry had a very short lease of office—about two months. Sir Graham formed his second Administration of his old colleagues of the Government of 1875. A collision between the two Houses occurred in connection with payment of members, the Council having rejected a bill dealing with the subject. The Government replied by introducing an Appropriation Bill and pushing it through its early stages. The vote on the payment of members item resulted in ayes 43, noes 18. The Assembly thus committed itself to the struggle. When the Appropriation Bill reached the Council and came on for the second reading on December 22 Sir C. Sladen moved that it be laid aside, and it was rejected nem. con. Sir G. Berry immediately moved the adjournment of the House until February 6. The Ministry effected a coup on January 8 by dismissing a very large number of public servants in the higher grades. This was "Black Wednesday," as Mr. Service on a later occasion described it. The whole session of 1878 was given up to a constitutional struggle, the Upper House having refused to agree to a bill practically abolishing the Chamber, and the condition to which the country was reduced found an apt description in the term "Berry Blight." Sir Graham Berry and the late Dr. Pearson started on their famous embassy with the view of inducing the British Government to bring into the Imperial Parliament a bill to reform the Constitution of Victoria. They failed. Sir Graham Berry returned from his mission in the winter of 1879, and once more introduced a bill to amend the Constitution, but it failed to pass by an absolute majority, as required by the Constitution. An appeal to the country resulted in the defeat of the Ministry. Sir Graham Berry returned to power however after the defeat of the Service Administration, and it was significant that he omitted from his Ministry all the more violent of his former colleagues. He was pledged to the introduction of a reform bill, but it was a very much milder measure than that which he had originally tried to pass. With this measure passed his career as Premier ended. A stop-gap Government was formed by Sir Bryan O'Loghlen, but it had an inglorious life, and the country, sick and tired of political conflict, hailed with satisfaction the formation of a coalition by Mr. Service and Sir Graham Berry, which, under the subsequent leadership of the late Mr. Gillies and Mr. Deakin, held office from 1883 until 1890. In 1886 Sir Graham Berry went to England as Agent-General, and he filled the position with great success. He returned in 1892, and re-entered Parliament for the East Bourke boroughs. He became Treasurer in Mr. Shiel's Administration, and went out of office in the following year, when that Ministry was defeated. When the House met in 1894, under the leadership of Sir George Turner, Sir Graham Berry was appointed Speaker, and he filled the chair for three years, when he lost his seat for the East Bourke boroughs. The House, in recognition of his long service, granted him £5000 for the pur

ness of their conduct. The Court spent many days investigating their claim, and every available detail on each side was laid before it. If, as business people say, awards are to be reopened even before they are tested, there is an end at once to any feeling of security which the Act hitherto might have promoted. Moreover, the effect of the Arbitration Court's judgment on the situation, that fourteen days' notice terminates an agreement, has been to create an entire absence of legal respect for the Act. Until the present situation became so legally luminous the pains and penalties supposed to be contained in the Arbitration Act were useful as threats wherewith to frighten the miners, but the miners now know as much as the other side. The community realises the absolute hopelessness of dealing with a large body of men by imprisoning them, but even if that course were possible it would be too repugnant for the community to stand.

Curiosity has naturally been felt as to what course of action the Colliery Employees' Federation intends to take with respect to the Rhondda and Northern Extended miners. Its latest resolve to make another appeal and to seek another conference with the proprietors is not considered encouraging. The award is the actual result of the threshing out of the matter already, and the application for it to be reopened is considered a poor compliment to the Arbitration Court. As a matter of fact, the miners having thrown the award overboard, there is nothing to hold a conference about. Mr. Seddon's conduct is perfectly clear on this point. He has told the miners they are not in his employ, and that he will have no more to do with collective bargaining. He has had quite enough of it, and in his own protection he intends to manage the business himself. He says that in future he will deal with applicants for employment individually. A few men were at work at the Northern Extended mine to-day widening a jig, and one or two men were at work at the Northumberland colliery.

STRIKE AT HEDDON GRETA.

A serious difficulty occurred at the Heddon Greta colliery on the South Maitland coalfield to-day. Fourteen days ago the management gave the usual notice that the miners' wages would be reduced from 11s to 10s per day. The notice expired this morning, when the miners refused to accept the reduction, and the pit was consequently laid idle.

It appears that the mines in the South Maitland district have been regarded as being in the development stage, and the payment to the miners has been by a daily wage, based on the standard selling price of coal in the Newcastle district. For instance, from 1901 to the end of 1902 the standard selling price of coal in Newcastle was 11s per ton, and the miners on the South Maitland fields were paid 11s per day. The standard selling price of Newcastle district coal, however, was fixed by the Proprietors' Association for 1904 at 10s per ton, hence the reduction to 10s per day announced at the Heddon Greta.

The custom prevailed at this new coal field universally until the middle of last year, when the miners at East Greta applied to the Arbitration Court for payment by a tonnage rate instead of by a daily wage. The Court refused to disturb the daily wage system, but the miners got the Court to reopen the award, and another award was agreed to embodying the system of payment by a tonnage, or hewing rate, to be based on the actual selling price of coal averaged at intervals of six months. The Court fixed the standard selling price of the East Greta coal delivered at Newcastle at 9s 6d per ton to December 31 last, and for the six months ended that date ordered that an accountant should ascertain from the books of the company what the actual average selling price had been, such selling price to regulate the hewing rate for the ensuing six months. This actual average selling price has been ascertained to have been 9s per ton, which means that the miners at East Greta Hive had their hewing rate reduced 1d per ton. As the average output at East Greta was shown in evidence before the Court to be nearly 7½ tons per miner per day, the Heddon Greta miners claim that their reduction should be 7d per day, and not 1s. On the other hand, it is claimed that the award of the Court only applied to East Greta, and that the condition governing the daily wage at Heddon Greta, is according to custom, the standard selling price of Newcastle coal on the basis already described. Pelaw Main, another colliery on this new field, has got over the wage difficulty by the introduction of coal cutting machines. At that colliery there are no miners as the term of miner is popularly known.

Mr. Ledger, manager of the Heddon-Greta Colliery, when seen by a representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald" to-day, said that on the 14th inst. Mr. Curley, the miners' district secretary, went out to Heddon-Greta. After a conference he suggested a reduction of 7d. Mr. Ledger wrote to him on the 18th stating that he could not alter the notice. Mr. Ledger states that he received no notice that the miners were not going to work under the reduction.

The colliery usually works continuously in three shifts. About 50 miners are employed and 50 wheelers, the total number of hands employed at the mine, including surface hands, being from 140 to 150. A peculiar feature of the dispute is that the Heddon-Greta miners claim that as they are a unit, like East Greta, of the federation, if an award affects one factor it should affect the adjacent factor. The boot, however, is on the other foot in the case of the Teralba group. There the Pacific Colliery owners claim that the award of the Northern Extended and Rhondda miners should likewise affect their hewing rate, but the Pacific miners are strenuously opposing that view of the situation.

FRENCH IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.

SEIZURE OF PRESBYTERIAN LAND.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The action of the manager at Noumea of the French New Hebrides Company in instructing his agent at Havannah Harbour to forcibly prevent natives from using a block of land purchased by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, but claimed by the French Company, is the occasion of grave concern to the church authorities, and it is to uphold, it probably result in the abandonment of missionary operations in the locality by the Presbyterian Church. Taking advantage of the presence in Melbourne of Captain Rason, R.N., the British Resident in the New Hebrides, a number of ministers of the Presbyterian Church waited on him this afternoon and discussed the situation. The deliberations were held in camera. Captain Rason requested that they should be regarded as confidential at present. It may however, be broadly stated that the whole question was discussed in its various phases, and hopes are entertained that a satisfactory solution of the difficulty will eventually be reached.

BISHOP GALLAGHER'S RETURN.

AN APPRECIATION OF POPE PIUS.

GOULBURN, Monday.

At 88. Peter and Paul's Cathedral yesterday Bishop Gallagher was, to mark his return from his tour, presented by the people of the diocese with an address and a purse of 552 sovereigns, and by the Catholic and friendly societies of the city with a new throne appropriately inscribed. High mass was celebrated. There was a large congregation. Dean Slattery, the vicar-general, read the address, which expressed thankfulness for the Bishop's safe return and appreciation of the good work done by him during his career in the Church.

His Lordship replied in modest terms, referring to his visit to the Pope. The Bishop said he presented his holiness with an offering from the diocese of £300. He gave the Pope figures to show the progress of the diocese, and the Holy Father said it was a great solace to hear the Bishop's statement, and a great comfort to his heart which was weighed down by things which were cause of sorrow in countries nearer home. Speaking of the personal qualities of the Pope, Bishop Gallagher said if Leo. XIII. was the pontiff of the intellect Pius X. is the pontiff of the heart. If Leo appealed to men's reason Pius will lead captive their feelings, their sympathies, and their affections. Everything about him breathed kindness, benevolence, and love for his people. The benignant look, the fatherly grasp of the hand, the gracious smile evidenced the happiness which good news even from the utmost limits of the earth, and from one of the smallest dioceses of the Universal Church gives to his paternal heart. To have looked upon that amiable face, full of benignity and intelligence, was an inspiration. That man's nature was not to be envied who could have a conversation of 10 minutes with Pius X., and not depart a stronger and a better man.

QUALITATIVE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

The usefulness of Professor Liversidge's "Tables for Qualitative Chemical Analysis" (copy of which we receive from Messrs. Angus and Robertson), is proved by the fact that the book has now entered upon its second edition. The author is not amongst those teachers who condemn instruction in Qualitative Analysis as waste of time, and his tables combine the advantages of Quantitative methods with the other processes. In the directions for the study of the reaction of the metals, acids, and organic substances, definite weighed and measured quantities are taken for each test. This is the principal point of difference between the treatment of the subject by Professor Liversidge and its treatment by the authors of similar laboratory text-books. It is also noted that the reactions for the rarer elements and for organic compounds are fuller than usual.

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IMPERIAL RECIPROCITY.

LECTURE BY SIR WILLIAM LYNE.

HOW AUSTRALIA MAY GAIN.

THE PROBABLE AMOUNT OF PREFERENCE.

At a meeting of the British Empire League in Australia, held in the Royal Society's rooms last night, Sir William Lyne delivered a lecture on "Empire Reciprocity." Mr. Bruce Smith, M.P., president of the league, occupied the chair.

Sir William Lyne, in opening his lecture, said that were it possible to trace each of the great movements which had tended to the advancement and prosperity of the British race, we should find that each step in the march of progress was met with opposition and hostility by many of the wisest and most earnest citizens. The origin of great movements, whether for the advantage of individuals or communities, or of the world at large, had been accompanied by similar experiences, and they found that the statesmanlike conception of Imperial reciprocity was no exception to the rule. It was no new note of warning which was sounded by Mr. Chamberlain in his celebrated speech at Birmingham on the 15th May last. Years before this he had directed attention to changes in the trade relations of the Empire which demanded inquiry. Other thoughtful minds were disturbed at the progress of events, and endeavoured to arouse the lethargy of their fellow countrymen. Each year accentuated the danger until that eventful 15th May, when the greatest Englishman of our time, impatient of the danger's further delay, rang out an alarm which awakened the Empire to its most distant possession. Confident as Canada, India, Australia, South Africa, or New Zealand might feel of their own resources of self-reliance and defence, they had the most vital motives apart from any question of sentiment or patriotism for the preservation and prosperity not only of the motherland, but of the British Empire. To thoroughly understand the industrial progress or decline of British trade we must, he said, deal as far as practicable with only manufactured and partly manufactured articles.

DECLINE OF BRITISH TRADE.

Dealing with some of the figures taken from the statistical tables prepared by the Board of Trade, he said that in 1890 the value of imports into Great Britain was £98,200,000, and of the exports therefrom £228,400,000. In 1902 the value of the imports was £148,900,000, and of the exports £227,600,000. The population of the United Kingdom during the period between those two years increased by 4,410,000. Its exports of manufactured and unmanufactured articles, instead of progressing in proportion during that period, actually decreased in value by nearly £1,000,000, and this was not the whole story. If it were all it would simply mean stagnation without serious retrogression, but the increase of £50,000,000 in value of these articles in Britain's imports demonstrated the havoc in her industries, and the increasing domination of her home markets by foreign nations. Were it not for the abnormal and to a large extent temporary increase in the South African trade, due to the war, the export of British manufactures would exhibit a still further and more serious decline. We were now, said Sir William, on the eve of a great change, and, unless he was very much mistaken, the nation was at length aroused. Not for much longer would that generous and wonderful island whence had emanated so much that had been good for the human race, be content to be threatened, attacked, and exploited, without even adequate return, and it was for Australia to consider well its share in the coming change. The question presented itself in several important aspects, and he wished more particularly to emphasise the fact that from a purely economic point of view it was not imperatively necessary to make the great colonial possessions of the Empire any party to it. He did not go so far as to say that such an omission would have affected our loyalty to the Empire in the least, notwithstanding the strongest advocates of Imperial reciprocity had feared such a result. But he thought it would be a great misfortune and loss to Australia were the Commonwealth not to participate in the inevitable change in the fiscal policy as indicated in the proposals of Mr. Chamberlain. The responsibility of an alteration of the fiscal policy of the United Kingdom naturally and exclusively rested with its own people. If they found that the protective barriers of other countries prohibited the entry of their goods, if they found their own markets flooded with the products of cheap labour of over-production, and the cheap rubbish of other countries disorganising their industries and depriving their people of employment, then it was for them to make the change. But it was proposed to go further, and to invite the possessions of the Empire to join as parties to a system of Imperial reciprocity. He was sanguine that Mr. Chamberlain's proposals would receive the endorsement of the British nation. The encouragement as was receiving and the rapidly growing support from the unexpected quarters were impelling the final decision to an early and certain success. We must therefore inform ourselves, and be ready to say on what terms we were prepared to consider what particular branches of our trade were suitable for reciprocal treatment. It was not likely that the dealing would be conducted in any paltry or hackling spirit. Each side wanted a market for its goods, and for every reason of patriotism and sentiment as well as self interest, each would desire that a mutually successful issue might be attained. It was not intended or even hinted that any restriction should be placed upon Australian manufactures, or that they should be limited or interfered with in any way whatever. No Imperial zollverein was contemplated which would limit the independence of any portion of the Empire. There was no possible combination of a majority of the States to the detriment of the minority. Anticipating that the time was ripe and that they were ready to enter into negotiation we must first see what articles which we produced in quantity were appropriate for the purpose.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS FOR PREFERENCE.

To his mind the following conspicuously presented themselves:—Wheat and flour, meat, butter, and wine. In 1896 the value of our exports of wheat and flour was £82,346, and 1902 £1,496,176. In 1898 the value of our meat exported was £2,374,800, and in 1902 £1,265,810. Our wine export in 1898 was £112,336, and in 1902 it was £158,893. Our butter export in 1898 was valued at £815,891, and in 1902 at £402,094. The totals for those two years were therefore £3,385,463 and £3,340,973 respectively. The years mentioned were unfortunately distinguished by the greatest drought on record in this continent, and he anticipated that the value of our exports in these articles for the present year would be over £1,000,000. It was of course difficult to say what the amount of preference would be. It had been variously estimated at from 7 per cent. to 10 per cent., but there could be no authoritative information on that point until the question was finally settled. Personally he was inclined to think that nothing short of 10 per cent. would prove of much practical benefit to either side, and eventually it would probably be found that this estimate was not wide of the mark. On the estimate of an average export of, say, £7,000,000, a preference of 10 per cent. would mean an advantage to our producers of £700,000, or in other words an amount equal to the value of nearly 5,000,000 bushels of wheat at 3s per bushel. It was possible that preferential trade would tend to lessen the freight charges on the produce of foreign competitors, and induce a keener competition, but the balance, and a large balance, would remain with our own people, sufficient, in his opinion, to stimulate trade and increase the area of production throughout the British dominions. The origin of wheat consumed in the United Kingdom was estimated at 43 per cent. within the Empire, and 57 per cent. from foreign countries. Australia's contribution had been about 5 per cent. Sir William Lyne then dealt with the fear which has been expressed of retaliation from foreign countries, but he said other countries in their trade arrangements did not consider us. He also dealt with the trade of the Commonwealth with other portions of the Empire and with foreign countries, giving figures for each. Our total trade with the rest of the Empire in 1891 was £59,115,554, and in 1902 £61,665,824. Remaining in South Africa it was £14,638,049 in 1891, and £22,937,637 in 1902. Our imports from the United Kingdom had decreased in value by £2,605,000 during those years, while our imports from foreign countries increased by £4,516,634 in that time. He quoted figures relating to the exports from Germany to Australasia, and the imports from Australasia into Germany and the United States. Speaking of our tariff Sir William Lyne said it was of such a character as would readily lend itself for the purpose of Imperial reciprocity. We were not destroying competition by Imperial reciprocity, but simply limiting it to such an extent as might give our countrymen an opportunity of benefiting by the trade. As to the results which had followed from preference in Canada figures were quoted showing that since 1897, the year in which preference was given, the volume of trade between the two countries had greatly expanded. A reference was made to the immigration restriction law of the Commonwealth and the six ariction law of the Commonwealth and the six hatters episode, and in conclusion Sir William Lyne asked his audience to carefully examine each side of the question before deciding on one side or the other.

A vote of thanks was, on the motion of the Rev. Canon Boyce, seconded by Mr. G. H. Knibbs, accorded to Sir William Lyne for his lecture, and the hope was expressed that it would be published in pamphlet form.

VICTORIA.

THE WHEAT STANDARD.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The matter of fixing the standard of a fair average quality of this season's Victorian wheat by the corn trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce is still in abeyance, pending the time when it shall be possible to obtain representative samples of bulk wheat in the country, as well as that shipped at the opening of the season. Owing to the effects of the wet season in bleaching much of the wheat, it is evident that the standard cannot be a very high one. A great deal of wheat has been so damaged as to be below any reasonable standard. Harvesting operations have been seriously retarded by the wet and cool weather. Many farmers say they never remember a season in which harvesting operations had been so difficult and costly. The wet summer has saved the country from the usual peril of bush fires, but at a cost to the farmer in direct loss of grain, and hardship and difficulty in saving his crop.

THE YACHT BONA.

The cruiser yacht Bona, which was recently built in Sydney for Mr. C. D. Wallace, vice-commodore of the Royal Yacht Club, arrived off Williamstown this morning with the owner in charge. The Bona left Sydney last Saturday week, and made three stoppages, viz., at Twofold Bay (Eden), Sealers' Cave, and Waterloo Bay. She made several excellent runs. One of these gave her an hourly average of 11 knots for four hours.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW MINISTER.

PERTH, Monday.

In political circles considerable surprise was expressed to-day at Mr. Nanson's inclusion in the James Ministry. Mr. Nanson states that his opposition to the James Government was never on account of administration. He was opposed to Mr. James only on certain matters of policy, and as those matters had been settled he felt himself free to join the Ministry.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The barque Kinfauns cleared at the Customs to-day for Callao with 1585 tons of Burwood coal; the four-masted barque Ancona, for Callao, with 4010 tons of Messrs Brown's coal; the steamer Waikupu, for Launceston, via Sydney, with 1700 tons of coal; the steamer Westralia, for Auckland, via Sydney, with 950 tons of coal, 100 bags of bone dust, and a quantity of timber; the barque C. Tobias, for Honolulu, with 1014 tons of Seaham coal; and the ship Norwood, for Cebu, with 2345 tons of Seaham coal.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

FALL FROM A SWINGING BOAT.

A young man named Edward Flynn, 21, residing at 89 Cowper-street, Glebe, was yesterday evening amusing himself in one of the swinging boats that have been erected on a piece of vacant land at Glebe Point, when he fell to the ground, injuring himself so severely that he was conveyed to Sydney Hospital. He was admitted for treatment, suffering from abrasion and concussion of the brain.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

A mysterious disappearance of a young girl was reported to the Waverley police yesterday. Elizabeth Foley, 16 years of age, who resided with her parents at View-street, Woollahra, left her home at about 1 p.m., leaving a note to the effect that she was going for a swim, and adding that she would not disgrace her family. She did not return, and towards 6 o'clock a portion of her clothing was discovered on the flat near the Bondi baths. Up to a late hour last night all efforts to further trace the missing girl had been unsuccessful.

SAD DROWNING CASE.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

A sad fatality occurred yesterday morning at Railway Town, when Emily May Nicholls, aged 15, living with her widowed mother, was drowned in an underground tank about 8ft deep. She had been drawing water with a rope and bucket, and apparently, whilst endeavouring to replace the cover of the tank, overbalanced and fell in. Directly the girl was missed an alarm was given, but when the body was recovered life was extinct. At the inquest to-day a verdict of accidental death was returned.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

A peculiar accident happened to Horace Lean, a pitman at Block 10, on Friday night. He had occasion to go down the ladder-way from the 300 to the 400 ft level, and just as he reached the plat of the latter level something fell, striking him on the top of his head and rendering him unconscious. Lean lay there for an hour without anyone being aware of his predicament, work not being done at the level at that time. On recovering consciousness Lean found his face covered with blood, and, instead of signalling for the cage, he climbed up the 400ft of ladder-way and reached the surface in safety, though weak from loss of blood. Dr. Groves found a large semi-circular wound extending right across the top of Lean's head into which 18 stitches had to be put.

SHOCKING MACHINERY ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A shocking machinery accident happened at Jumbunna Colliery to-day. Reginald S. Tonkin, an engine-driver, had mounted to the top of the haulage engine to make an overhaul, when his foot slipped, and he fell among the revolving cog-wheels. His left arm was crushed, both of his ears were torn off, several of his ribs were fractured, and he was otherwise so seriously injured that there is only a faint chance of his recovery.

SAD ENDING TO A PICNIC.

MAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

While Mr. John Tilbrook, a corporation foreman at Brighton, and Mrs. Tilbrook were driving over Plympton Crossing on the Glenelg railway line this evening they were run over by a train, and sent flying down an embankment. The man died from his injuries an hour later, and his widow is being attended at Adelaide Hospital for an injured shoulder. It appears that the pair were returning from a holiday drive, as accessories to picnicking were found scattered about the scene of the accident. The horse and trap were smashed.

CASSILIS, Monday.

Alexander Gibbons, of Collaroy, aged 76, a very old resident, died yesterday from the effects of wounds caused through being gored by a cow which he was breaking in for milking on Saturday morning.

GOSFORD, Monday.

A young man named Leslie Yeomans, a setter of oysters on Gosford station, was drowned at Woy Woy yesterday. He could not swim and, getting beyond his depth, sank before assistance could reach him. On Friday last Yeomans had a narrow escape from drowning at the same spot. His mate, Warmel, then went to his rescue.

QUEENSLAND TRAGEDY.

A MAN ARRESTED IN SYDNEY.

A few days ago the local Criminal Investigation Department received information from the Queensland police that a man named James Crowe alleged to be connected with the murder of John Cole, in December last, had made his way to Sydney.

Detectives Fullerton, Murdoch, and Hawe were entrusted with the case. After making numerous inquiries the officers were successful in tracing a man yesterday morning to a hotel in Strawberry Hills. Crowe admitted his name, but declared ignorance of the crime alleged. He arrived from Brisbane, he said, on Thursday last.

The local police have not been supplied with particulars of the supposed crime. In the meantime Crowe is in custody pending the arrival of an officer from Brisbane.

At a later stage the man was brought up at the Central Police Court, and was remanded till 28th inst.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

POLICE.

At the Parramatta Police Court, on Monday, before Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, S.M., Alexander Geddes, licensee of the Commercial Hotel, pleaded guilty to a charge of having unreasonably delayed admission into his public-house to Sergeant Nein, an inspector under the Liquor Act. Defendant was fined 20s and costs of Court. Mary Tiernan pleaded guilty to a charge of having sold liquor at her licensed house on Sunday, January 17, and was fined 20s.

Harold J. C. Burgess was granted an auctioneers license by Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, S.M., on Monday.

QUEENSLAND.

MR. BROWNE AT CROYDON.

POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Mr. Browne, Minister for Mines, speaking at Croydon on Saturday night, said the Government would stake its existence on electoral reform. The Government intended to do everything that was possible to balance the revenue and expenditure, and would run the country on lines of successful business men. He explained the actions of the Labour party in connection with the formation of the coalition Government, and said the party were going to loyally support Mr. Morgan, as they would have done even if not a single member of the Labour party had been given a portfolio. A vote of confidence was carried almost unanimously.

THE EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

The education conference convened by the Minister for Education was opened to-day. Mr. Barlow, the Minister, presided, and there were 22 other gentlemen present, including the Under-Secretary. A large number of resolutions were considered, dealing with the curriculum, etc. Among the motions carried were "That the system of home lessons in excess is hurtful to children mentally and bodily, and is evidence of inefficient teaching or an overloaded curriculum," "That the teaching of euclid and algebra in State schools on the lines at present adopted is productive of no results commensurate with the time employed," "That mixed schools (boys and girls together) are productive of no undesirable results, but rather the contrary," "That it is desirable that scholarships and bursaries should be granted for the School of Mines at Charters Towers, and to such other schools of mines as may from time to time be established in the State."

TRADES AND LABOUR.

FURNITURE TRADE SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The United Furniture Trade Society has a case filed in the Arbitration Court against one of the employers, and on Wednesday last the employees met the employers in conference at the Queen's Hall. The meeting was a thoroughly representative one. After industrial matters had been discussed in a very friendly spirit the conference was adjourned till February 3. In the meantime the employers will meet and consider their position. At the conference on Wednesday week they will submit a report of their deliberations.

VISITING DELEGATES ENTERTAINED.

Delegates to the annual conference of the Federated Ironmoulders' Union of Australasia were entertained at a smoke concert at the Trades Hall last evening by the New South Wales branch. Mr. Brigden, president of the Sydney union, occupied the chair. The visitors from the other States addressed the meeting and detailed the progress and the work of their societies.

The conference is to be resumed to-morrow, when it is expected that the question of Federal arbitration will be among the subjects discussed.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Sydney Liedertafel was held last night at the society's rooms, Royal-chambers, Castlereagh-street. Mr. A. W. Mueks, M.L.C., one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair.

The report stated that the interest in the concerts had been well maintained. Regret was expressed at the want of enthusiasm displayed by a number of members in consequence of their irregular attendance. The balance-sheet disclosed a credit balance of £120 19s 4d. The receipts for the year, including a balance carried forward, were £696 8s, of which £527 2s consisted of subscriptions and donations. The disbursements totalled £575 8s 8d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The hon. treasurer stated that the number of subscribers was about the same as in previous years. The office-bearers for 1904 were elected.

THE WEATHER.

The weather chart issued from the Observatory yesterday shows that during Saturday and Sunday some heavy downpours occurred at scattered places on the northern inlands and along the coast. At Port Macquarie 238 points fell, while nearly 2 inches was registered at Tweed Heads. Falls of 1½ inch were received at Tenterfield, Grafton, and Casino. Rain, also almost an inch was measured at Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, Glen Innes, Nambucca, and Jervis Bay. Three-quarters of an inch was reported at Tabulam and Yetman, and Clarence benefited to the extent of half an inch. Yesterday light rains passed over portions of the northern, western, and southern districts, and parts of the coast. A thundershower also passed over the city during the afternoon, the amount measured, however, being but 2 points. Further thunderstorms may be expected to-day at scattered places.

RAINS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The following were the principal falls for the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day:—

North: Balfes Creek 115 points, Bloomsbury 111, Canoona 47, Coen 94, Gilbert River 38, Herberton 11, Irvinebank 40, Maytown 25, Mirani 37, Mackay 20, Mount Garnet 55, Nineveh 37, Ravenswood 128, Selheim 25, Tate River 101, Torrens Creek 45, West Leichhardt 164, Wyandotte 12, Walkerston 65.

Central: Alice 23 points, Alpha 67, Anakie 80, Aramac 15, Betano 268, Bauhinia Downs 180, Beta 98, Blackwater 70, Boulia 10, Clifton 47, Dalbeg 30, Emerald 70, Clermont 27, Comet 440, Dingo 291, Duaringa 215, Emerald 130, Gindie 103, Gladstone 205, Greenmount 87, Jericho 43, Kabra 180, Lochnagar 8, Miriam Vale 226, Msonneera 157, Mount Morgan 10, Mendooran 110, Nebo 430, Pine Hill 214, Raglan 80, Rockhampton 104, Ballerina 106, Springsure 238, Seshill 264, Springsure 47, Stanwell 101, St. Lawrence 76, Wilton 427, Westwood 300, Yaamba 82, Yeppoon 89.

South: Aldershot 110 points, Allora 150, Boggenden 510, Beaudesert 143, Beenleigh 260, Bell 75, Boovai 302, Bundaberg 160, Coorey 142, Clifton 40, Cooran 340, Crows brook 132, Crows Nest 127, Isalvean 94, Dunmore 384, Dugandan 108, Durah 229, Degilbo 397, Eidsvold 40, Emuvale 18, Engelsburg 80, Ernest Junction 308, Esk 84, Forest Hill 65, Fernvale 237, Gatton 64, Gayndah 297, Gingin 356, Goodwood 197, Gowrie Junction 20, Grandchester 164, Gympie 416, Harrisville, 188, Hendon 93, Howard 193, Helidon 72, Inglewood 145, Ipswich 287, Isis Junction 225, Jimboor 40, Jondaryan 12, Jondowaie 10, Kilkivan 138, Kenilworth 320, Killarney 40, Kilkivan Junction 280, Landsborough 230, Leyburn 14, Laidley 38, Lowood 124, Mungarr 180, Macalister 17, Mapleton 886, Marburg 173, Maryborough 91, Millmerran 90, Mitchell 240, Mount Crosby 245, Moore 200, Murphy's Creek 121, Nambour 235, Nanango 50, Oakey 21, Oxenford 183, Pittsworth 105, Prittzen 30, Pralba 185, Riverview 275, Roma 10, Rosewood 82, Spring Bluff 76, Southpor 240, Stanthorpe 31, Sunnybank 126, Tallebudgera 242, Texas 22, Tiaro 198, Toowoomba 130, Warwick 27, Westford 125, Wallangarra 212, Woombye 239, Youlba 14, Yandilla 279, Brisbane and suburbs 118 to 291 points.

ASSISTANCE FOR DISCHARGED PRISONERS.

At the monthly meeting of the Association for Assisting Discharged Prisoners, figures presented for the year ended December 31 last showed that 1000 persons had actually been assisted, and that out of that number 113 had been found employment. The number of re-committals to gaol was very small, only 21 having returned. More than 92 per cent. of those aided had not been re-convicted. The advisability of memorialising the Government on the necessity for an institution where the numerous cases of epileptic and other similar irresponsible people, who should not be turned adrift on the community, and whom it is impossible for the association to deal with as law-abiding citizens, was discussed. It was pointed out that there was no institution to receive these people, and that they formed a large proportion of the habitual criminals. The matter was accordingly the Government was left for discussion at a future meeting.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Annandale.—Retiring aldermen: J. T. Starling, James Robertson, F. Broad, and F. E. W. Smith. The only opposition announced is that of Alderman Allen Taylor, of the City Council.

Grafton.—Only the retiring aldermen and auditors have been nominated.

Lismore.—Nominations for four vacancies: William Lockyer, George Maxwell, Robert White, F. E. W. Fraser, Joseph Quilty, James Barry, John I. Smith, and Dr. Bernsien. Auditors: R. Jack, F. Futhonger, and T. Brown.

Moruya.—The following nominations have been received for the three vacancies in the Moruya council:—Heber Hancock, Donald Hooper, Ernest Shepherd, John Flood, Roger Hefferman. For auditors: Thomas Emmett, John Ross.

Trangie.—At the annual election of the Progress Association the following officers were elected: Messrs. Bartier, Butler, Boyd, Campbell, Garlick, Hefferman, Hall, Lake, Lane, Robinson, Richardson, Smart, and Verschuer.

Ulmarra.—North Ward: Messrs. Gerald, Walter, and Fitzgerald. In South Ward Mr. M. Brennan, and East Ward Mr. James Knox, both were re-elected.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.—Report for the week ended January 23, 1904:—Number of in-patients at last report, 136 males, 110 females; admitted, 29 males, 30 females; discharged, 26 males, 25 females; died, 3 males, 4 females; remaining in hospital on January 24, 1904, 116 males, 111 females; number of out-patients treated during the week, 746; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 330; 18 cases of enteric fever.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Sydney Homœopathic Hospital the honorary medical superintendent reported that during the month there were 158 visits of out-patients, 40 new patients attended. Four in-patients were received, and four discharged, all cured; four patients remained.

WHAT PARLIAMENT WANTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The Minister for Lands is reported to have said in Parliament that what was wanted there was "not character but ability." With all the earnestness of an intense conviction I enter my protest against this dictum. By the eternal law of God it is determined that righteousness exalts a nation. What nations need most and first in their rulers is high moral character. Intelligence, by all means, and the more the better, but this associated with purity—purity of speech and of life. Woe to this and every State if this great demand is ignored.

I trust that in the coming general election the electors will remember this sneer at goodness by the member for West Macquarie, and will answer it by alone giving their suffrages to men who to mental capacity add indelible righteousness of character. Such, and only such, are worthy to administer the affairs of Government, and to do it in such a way as to win the smile of Heaven.

I am, etc.,
E. PRICE.

Jan. 24.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 25.

Miowera, R.M.S., 3383 tons, Captain H. C. Hamand, R.N.R., from Vancouver, via ports. Passengers—Mr. L. Hazelton, Mrs. W. Newman, Miss R. Newman, Miss D. Newman, Mr. R. D. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. A. Willoughby, Mr. Duncan Donald, Mr. M. Thompson, Mr. H. Fraser, Miss J. L. Bisley, Miss N. M. Stacey, Mr. A. E. Garrett, Mr. N. Backhouse, Mr. J. Ellis, Mr. L. D. Armitage, Mr. J. B. Best, Mr. J. Grunwood, Mr. H. W. Cogston, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. J. Summers, Mr. F. Summers, Mr. J. Jameson, Mr. J. Fraser, M. E. Burnell, Colonel Coddington, Mrs. Coddington, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. E. Johnson, Mr. S. A. Doyle, Mrs. Doyle, Mr. Watson, Mr. Calvert, Mr. A. Randall, Mr. J. W. Carr, Mrs. S. Carr, Miss J. Carr, Miss M. M'Dougall, Mr. P. Edington, Mr. A. Edington, Mr. C. Edington, Mr. C. Moore, Mr. A. R. Tarte, Mrs. H. V. Tarte, Dr. Lundy, Miss Clarke, Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Newman, Mr. May, F. W. Jackson, agent.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Murray River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Burrawong, s, 391 tons, Captain C. M'Laughlin, from Macleay River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

River Boyne, bqtn, 466 tons, Captain Elbe, from Kaipara. Passenger—Mrs. Elbe. Kauri Timber Company, Limited, agents.

Mokau, s, 162 tons, Captain Phillipston, from Mokau River, New Zealand. Taranaki Collieries, Limited, agents.

Easby, s, 1488 tons, Captain Wallace, from Devonport. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Kamona, s, 1245 tons, Captain Watson, from Devonport. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Ravensham Grange, s, 2474 tons, Captain Howe, from New York, via ports. Houlder Brothers and Co., Ltd., agents.

Wodonga, s, 2341 tons, Captain J. E. Meadyen, from Melbourne. Passengers—56 in the saloon, 45 in the second cabin. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Woolton, s, 157 tons, Captain Benson, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Cavanbo, s, 573 tons, Captain J. H. Hunter, from Byron Bay. Passengers—39 in the saloon and 17 in the steerage. C. W. Nicoll, agent.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain J. O. Anderson, from Bellinger River, via Port Macquarie. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tomki, s, 389 tons, Captain D. Molloy, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Macleay, s, 297 tons, Captain Wood, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Empress, bq, 293 tons, Captain Jahns, from Thames, N.Z. R. S. Lamb and Co., agents.

Anglian, s, 2150 tons, Captain Entwisle, from Hobart. Passengers—22 in the saloon and 10 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., agents.

Waitapu, s, 1945 tons, Captain M. Livingstone, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Jan. 26.

Tuncurry, s, Captain O'Bierne, from Cape Hawke. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 25.

Eastern, s, for Manila and Hongkong, via ports.

Easby, s, for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Sagoma, yacht, for Murray.

Hobart, s, for Fremantle, via ports.

Arawatta, s, for Melbourne.

Barrabool, s, for Rockhampton, via ports.

Elizabeth Graham, bq, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 26.

Anglian, s, for Hobart; Cavanba, s, for Byron Bay and Trial Bay; Kyogle, s, for Clarence River; Kincumber, s, for Launceston, Kendall, and Camden Haven; Tuncurry, s, and Thistle, s, for Cape Hawke; Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company's steamer for Newcastle; I.S.N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven.

CLEARANCES.—Jan. 25.

Ripple, ketch, 29 tons, Captain Boddy, for Townsville, in ballast.

Barwon, s, 2989 tons, Captain P. Le Neveu, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with part original cargo for Newcastle.

Easby, s, 1488 tons, Captain Wallace, for Melbourne, via Newcastle, with part original cargo for Newcastle.

Elizabeth Graham, bqe, 597 tons, Captain Anderson, for Lyttelton, via Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—Jan. 25.

Theresa, ketch, for Broken Bay; Zelma, ketch, for Bateman's Bay.

IMPORTS.—Jan. 24.

Norfolk, s, from London, via ports: 460 cs 20 quarter-casks brandy, 150 brls herrings, 10 cs fuse, 100 bls corks, 10 cs oil, 83 hhds beer, 11 cs varnish, 20 pkgs liquorice paste, 70 kegs pitch, 20 bdls forks, 66 pkgs drapery, 66 pkgs paints, 20 cs locks, 30 cs gin, 50 joints, and large quantity unspecified goods.

Jan. 25.

Miowera, R.M.S., from Vancouver, via ports: 21 bls cotton denim, 73 bls down, cotton, 3 cs down, cotton, 4322 cs salmon, 83

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

COLD STORAGE OF FRUITS.

ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS.

As an outcome of the gluts of summer fruits in Sydney and Melbourne markets, cold storage will become known to growers and shippers. We have frequently shown that upon successful cold storage at home and in transit depend the prosperity and future development of the fruit-growing industry. In this lies our only hope of creating a reliable export trade. Not only are prices brought down to unpayable levels in a fair season, but the situation created allows others concerned to make money, while the grower is simply working for the commission agents and the retailers. Last week some peaches were sold in the King-street shops at 3d each. They were good specimens, but it is safe to say that thousands of cases of fruits equal to these were grown this season, and a fair proportion is coming in at present. Yet in last Saturday's "Herald" peaches were quoted at 1s per case lower, and the following information was given concerning the line in the co-operative markets:—"Peaches (local), clingstones, choice 3s to 4s, good 1s 6d to 2s, small from 1s a gin case; slipstones, choice 3s to 3s 6d, good 2s to 2s 6d, small 1s to 1s 6d half-case." Choice peaches in King-street 3d each, choice peaches in the market 3s 6d to 4s a full case. The fruit industry is evidently a very good thing for some people, but those people don't happen to be the growers. In their own sunny Italy the Italians are fruit-growers,but a percentage of the race recognise that there is a much better thing in selling fruit in equally sunny Australia. So far there has been no escape from this exploitation of the grower. Co-operation in selling has been talked threadbare. It has been the refuge of every authority who has set out to show exactly how the industry could be made prosperous during the past 30 years. Co-operation in sale and distribution would probably be a doubtful experiment, but even if it be admitted to be a very fine thing, it is useless to rely upon the principle, since our growers have long since shown that they will have none of it. There are many fine principles which people will perversely elect to do without, and co-operation in this case appears to be one of them. The crux of the fruitgrowers' troubles is in the power which is given to distributors when a market is over-supplied. Once the buyers are in a position to say, "Take our price or leave it," and the grower has no other recourse, the greater part of the latter's enterprise and labour is sure to be exploited by the retailer. This is why choice peaches are 3s to 4s per case in the market and 3s per dozen in King-street, while all other grades are so low that the grower might almost as well present the pittance returned to him to the noble army of agents and dealers in the trade. Cold storage and an export trade represent the only possible resource open to the grower. Were he able to pop a proportion of his good fruits into a store to sell to buyers for London or to ship, the local buyers would cease to rule supreme in the markets. Co-operation threatens to do something in cold storage, and there is decidedly a better chance for the principle here than in selling and distributing the fruits. A new and apparently powerful co-operative company of growers in Victoria appears to be doing good work, and there is much activity in the State Export Department and among private holders of cold storage, all being anxious to further the system and to ensure it a prosperous future. So far it has been proved in a practical fashion that if care and judgment be exercised in picking the fruits apples may be stored at a temperature of 36 degrees for periods up to four months, while soft fruits come out well when stored up to eight weeks in the same temperature. The Melbourne people are beginning to assert that provided that no over-ripe fruit be included and the temperature be maintained at 36 all through, soft fruits would certainly carry to London and arrive in excellent condition. Were the export branch of the Agricultural Department of New South Wales given more extensive powers and a more liberal vote, splendid work might now be done in finding means to relieve the local fruit markets, which in turn would result in adding another leading line to our producing industries. Politicians are fond of telling the public of their vast sympathy with these industries. Only last week in opening the Albion Park show, the Colonial Treasurer most effectively described the value of wool, wheat, butter, and fruit to the State. Surely it is time the country said to Mr. Waddell and other earnest gentlemen in power, "Very good, indeed, but what are you doing for these great industries?" Like all very cheap things, talk of itself is no particular use to anybody, and the country is anxious to know when a Government may be expected to evince a practical sympathy with the producing interests. The very unassuming State Export Department, with its absurd little vote on the Estimates, has rendered a great service to this country by developing an export trade in rabbits which has attained large healthy proportions. A little more money, a little more power, and the same might be accomplished with fruit. Here is an excellent chance for Mr. Waddell to show that he believes the producing interests are really useful for something besides furnishing material for speeches at agricultural shows.

SAMPLES OF GRASSES.

BROKEN HILL SPECIMENS ON VIEW.

Since the break up of the drought there has sprung up in some of the western arid districts of the State grasses that will prove good fodder for stock. Yesterday there were on view at the Sydney Stock Exchange some fine samples of about a dozen species of native grasses, that are, now to be seen luxuriantly growing at Umberumberka, near Broken Hill, in close proximity to the site of the proposed Government dam. The samples were forwarded by Mr. Williams, M.L.A., and measured from 8 inches to 2 feet 6 inches in length. The samples evoked considerable interest amongst visitors to the Exchange throughout the day, and abundantly testified to the wonderfully recuperative power of the land in the far distant corner of the State.

PLAIN-BODIED SHEEP.

Mr. James Grant writes:—"I have no wish to re-open the perennial "Vermont versus plain merino" controversy, but an interesting announcement in your issue of the 21st inst. marks an era in the history of our sheep, and is a striking testimony to the changes effected by the march of time. I refer to the provision made in the catalogue of the Sheep-breeders' Association for the representation at the forthcoming show of plain or smooth-skinned merinos. When the Vermonts were first introduced, one would have thought from the amount of opposition which met them that they were something which blighted and irretrievably ruined any flock into which they were introduced. Fierce wordy battles have been fought in the columns of the "Herald" as to the respective merits of these two types. Somes of those who so vigorously assailed the "wrinkles" appeared loth to admit that the objects of their denunciation were sheep at all—perhaps they belonged to the genus Ovis. But they were certainly no good. As a wool sheep the Vermont was bad, and from the butcher's point of view it was worse—if worse could be. Most of those writers have grown wiser. The Vermont has lived down much of that old-time opposition, and the repeated successes of that once-tabooed type in the show rings of Australasia have incontestably established its value. Still, there was reason in the attitude assumed by those in opposition. The Australian had been proved to be good, and many of our flockmasters and wool buyers viewed with misgiving the advent of an apparently inferior type. Their wool, so lacking in those features which are peculiarly the heritage of the Australian merino, and the comparative smallness of their bodies, were not recommendations in their favour. Derived, early in the last century direct from Spain, and consisting of the choicest obtainable specimens of the five principal families—Paular, Infantando, Negretti, Montareo, and Guadalupe, afterwards fused with introductions from France of the famous Rambouillet sheep, how could the progeny of such an ancestry be other than the best and purest? Whatever objections could once have been urged against them disappear when the potential influence of our climate has had time to make itself felt. Personally, I have always contended that Vermonts from America and Vermonts bred in Australia are widely different creations. Our climate has worked a veritable transformation, the wool of the Australian Vermont being more soft, bright, and elastic, and if not so fine as the Western Victorian or Mudgee wools it is still sufficiently so to make the Vermonts over the greater part of this continent the most valuable sheep, any deficiency in respect of fineness of fibre being amply met by the increased density and consequent greater weight of the fleece."

DIRTY SAMPLES OF WHEAT.

"A City Buyer" refers to the condition of this season's wheat:—"I have not noticed in your interesting articles on the wheat question the matter of the condition and bagging of the majority of this season's wheat trucked to the Sydney market. From a buyer's point of view it is far from satisfactory, buyers paying a fairly good price for wheat which is afterwards found to contain chaff, oats, cracked and pinched grain, which may be considered so much waste; so that instead of the purchaser getting what he pays for with a reasonable margin for waste, in some instances at least 4d up to 6d per bushel is so much clear loss. Is it the fault of the machinery or wilful neglect of the producer, and what effect will it have on New South Wales as an exporting State in the home markets?"

A great deal of the dirt in samples this season is due to unfavourable harvest weather. When the weather is damp the stripper drums cannot thresh the wheat properly, and a great deal of rough stuff goes over on to the riddles. The riddles cannot separate all of this from the grain, and a percentage of cracked grain also finds its way into the bags when the riddles are overloaded with a lot of tough matter passed on by the drum. Farmers do not undertake to remove all oats and prepare a thoroughly clean sample; indeed, under the f.a.q. standard system there is not much encouragement to produce a superior sample for milling or export. Only grading would give the producer a fair price according to sample, and until the bulk system of handling is introduced grading is practically impossible. Millers seem to recognise that provided the wheat is f.a.q. they are expected to rely upon the superior cleaning machinery to remove a proportion of rubbish equal at least to that named by our correspondent 4lb to 6lb to the bag, and this appears to be the rule in the export trade also.

NEW SOUTH WALES BUTTER.

A cable has been received by the Minister for Agriculture from Mr. Lance to the effect that the general quality of the butter landed in London ex steamer Ortona last week was superior to the previous week's shipments. Some brands, however, showed the effects of heat, probably due to the carriage and handling of the butter before it was placed on board the ship for export.

The market is steady at somewhat lower rates, namely, 88s to 92s per cwt. for choicest. This price should leave a good bonus to creameries shipping on their own responsibility, providing the quality is best, as the average of, say, 92d per lb, leaves the Sydney value at, say, 84d, whereas 8d to 8½d has been the quotation for some time. Up to the present those who bought best quality right out on the Sydney basis, and shipped to London, should have gained considerably.

THE MINISTER AND P.P. BOARD.

WAGGA, Sunday.

At the monthly meeting of the Pastures Protection Board, held on Friday, a communication was received from the Under-Secretary for Lands, requesting a report on a letter he had received from Mr. Peacock, who had been prosecuted by the board for not destroying rabbits on his 5-acre property. Mr. Peacock, in his letter, stated that the board was administering the Act partially, as at least three members of it should have been prosecuted when he was. This was the second letter received from the Minister about the same case. With reference to the first one a motion was carried to the effect that the board refused to supply the information. At Friday's meeting,

Mr. Gunn said he objected to the board being over-ridden by the Minister. In this instance the Minister had come down very much from the high horse, and the tone of his letter was much milder.

Ultimately a motion was submitted that the board did not consider a reply to the Minister's letter at all necessary.

Mr. Kelly: Will the Minister accept that?

Mr. Gunn: He will have to accept.

Mr. Kelly: The chairman was appointed by the Minister, and is his servant, and if he refuses to do what he is told the Minister will find someone that will. Is the chairman to be led by members of the board, and to defy the Minister?

Mr. Gunn: Certainly.

The motion was carried with one dissentient.

A further communication from the Minister was received, stating that the board's request regarding the re-erection of a 20 chains barrier rabbit fence near Wagga could not be granted. It was stated that as the department had erected the gap it was its duty to replace it. They had spent a large amount in the erection of the barrier from Corowa to Bourke, and now the whole thing was rendered useless. Finally, it was decided to again urge the Minister and member for the district to have the request granted.

MURRAY CLOSE SETTLEMENT.

COROWA.—Mr. Martin Kavanagh, a prominent farmer of Mooroopna, Victoria, and a party of Goulburn Valley farmers have inspected a portion of Mr. Morrissey's, M.L.A., Victoria, Quat Quatta Estate, containing some 23,000 odd acres of rich agricultural land, near the River Murray, within easy distance of railway communication both with Sydney and Melbourne markets. After closely going over the country, five closed for blocks equal to 1000 acres each, while several others have similar areas under offer. In an interview Mr. Kavanagh stated that this is but the commencement of what may mean the complete absorption of the whole estate by farmers. The purchasers state that they will immediately proceed to make use of the land, and expect to be ploughing in March next. Vendors of the Bulls Plain Estate are placing several more blocks of their subdivision privately, and there is every indication that the whole will be disposed of.

A MOREE LAND CASE.

A case of some interest affecting the question of pastoral occupation against closer settlement came before the Moree Land Board yesterday. Messrs. W. and A. Moses, owners of Combadello station, about 20 miles from Moree, applied for a lease of 3709 acres fronting the Gwydir River. Mr. B. H. O'Connor appeared for the applicants, and stated that Messrs. Moses Brothers had held a pastoral lease of 19,147 acres of land, which expired three or four years ago; since then they had obtained a further tenure under occupation and preferential licenses. He pointed out that under section 18 his clients were entitled to apply for a lease of one-third of the area of Crown land held by them at the expiry of their pastoral lease, namely, about 7000 acres.

Mr. F. A. Moses gave evidence corroborating the statement of counsel, and proceeded to give details of heavy losses sustained during the drought, and also of improvements now being carried out by the firm. Rabbits had appeared on the run, and they had commenced to fence in the whole station with rabbit-proof wire-netting fence. The present boundary of the land occupied by them contained numerous angles, which would necessitate extra fencing, and if the board granted them the lease of this 3709 acres it would make their western boundary a straight line to the river, and save a considerable amount in fencing.

Licensed Surveyor Lockhart stated that there were 10,000 acres of Crown land available for settlement lease in the immediate vicinity besides the block applied for by Moses Brothers.

George Gunthorpe, Thomas Joseph Bolan, and Harry Gunthorpe objected to the land being leased to Moses Brothers. The two firstnamed were each willing to make application for the 2709 acres as a settlement lease, stating that they considered it was quite sufficient to make a comfortable home on.

Harry Gunthorpe opposed the application, because the land was suitable for closer settlement. He held 3993 acres adjoining, but did not want the block applied for.

The board reserved its decision.

THE CROPS.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND.—The recent splendid rain was badly needed for vegetation. The maize crops give promise of good yields, and the outlook for the district is better than it has been for many years.

GLOUCESTER.—Heavy rain on Friday came just at the right time, as the grass was fast drying up. The fall will do a vast amount of good to the standing crops.

COROWA.—Under the fine weather conditions now prevailing, good progress is being made with the harvest, which, so far as gathering the crops is concerned, should be finished early next week. The periodical rains have, however, so delayed the work that large areas have had to be cut for the thrasher. This will not be treated for some weeks, so that owners are not in a position to know what their yields will be. Those with a knowledge of farming state that owing to the stormy weather during this month the average yield will be reduced from half to one bag per acre, and that the average will thus be about 4½ bags to the acre. The market still keeps quiet, with but few parcels moving off. Considerable difficulty is experienced by outlying farmers in getting their wheat to the stores, and many are using their own teams and drays, conveying the grain to the nearest railway. The rains and the mildness of the summer have had a wonderful effect upon the country, which is clothed with verdure, giving excellent winter feed for the stock. The self-sown crops are in some places fully nine inches high, and a splendid opportunity presents itself to the owners of making good stacks of ensilage.

KEMPSEY.—A phenomenal maize harvest is expected, and it is estimated that 150,000 bags of maize will be shipped. About half this quantity will be from above Kempsey, and the flats are so bad that droghers, drawing only 2ft 9in, can scarcely get over at high tide. Even between Kempsey and the heads ocean boats can only get up on high tide with scarcely any cargo. Something need be done at once to deepen the water on the flats.

LITHGOW.—In the Arkstone district the potato crops are looking well, while fruit is fairly plentiful. The wheat and oat crops are the best seen for years. Harvesting operations are being pushed on throughout the Sunny Corner district, an excellent yield being anticipated. The generally damp weather has delayed the harvest at Oberon. The Mount Lambie farmers are busy harvesting. The crops about here are rather light, and not so good as last year. Excessive wet at one period of continued cold weather are the causes assigned for the shortage. Reports from other district centres indicate unusual growth in crops, vegetables, and fruit.

LIVERPOOL.—As a result of recent rains, the corn crops, particularly at Moorbank and Hexton Park, are looking splendid, some of the stalks ranging from 8 to 10 feet high. The vineyards generally look well, although some of them have been attacked by oidium, and are affected by sun-spot. There is an abundance of grass everywhere, due, in a great measure, to the depletion of stock and cattle during the late drought. The dams and creeks, and also the river, contain a fair supply of water, but unless the dam in the river, which is in a leaky condition, is promptly attended to, or the promised new dam constructed, the industries may before long be hampered so far as their water supply is concerned, and the town will suffer in consequence.

ULMARRA.—It is said that blight has appeared amongst the maize. All the crops look well.

WINDSOR.—The early maize is being harvested. The crops should be very heavy this year. The potato yield is good, but prices are very low. Dairy farmers are doing well, and more persons are going in for dairying every day.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COROWA.—Pastoral matters are highly promising, and stock are thriving well, the only drawback being the understocked condition of the country.

BRUSHGROVE.—The triennial meeting of the Brushgrove Commoners on Friday elected Messrs. Thomas Henderson, James Chisholm, W. R. Farlow, D. B. Webster, and W. Rinkin trustees.

COONAMBLE.—At the lands office portions in the settlement lease area on the Youie and Nebea holdings have been balloted for with the following result:—On Nebea holding: Portions 1 and 3, 2560 acres (four applicants), R. J. Goldsmith successful balloter; portions 3, 9, 17, and 18, 2560¾ acres (six applicants), Oliver H. Goldsmith; Nos. 4 and 10, 3559¾ acres (nine applicants), Joseph M'Dowell; 2117 acres (nine applicants), Reuben Hertel; Nos. 7 and 8, 2560 acres (seven applicants), John M'Alary. Youie holding: No. 37, 1691 acres (four applicants), James Gilligan; No. 50, 1744 acres (four applicants), Charles Brownlow.

HAY.—At a meeting of the Pastures Protection Board the balance-sheet for the past half year was read, showing a credit balance of £935 18s 6d. The rabbit inspector's report showed that the district was very free from rabbits, and that good work in that direction was being done by the landholders.

HILLGROVE.—Haymaking is in progress at Hillgrove station, and a good crop is assured. All round the district haymaking has been practically completed. The grass in the paddocks is very long and dry, and great danger is apprehended from bush fires. Stock of all descriptions are in splendid condition. Rain is badly needed.

MACLEAN.—A meeting of sugar-growers was held on Saturday to further consider the Colonial Sugar Company's proposal of reduced prices for cane for the years 1905-6. A letter was read from Mr. Knox, the general manager, saying that the opposition of the growers was evidently due to the want of appreciation of sugar values, which prevented the company giving higher prices for cane. He invited two delegates each from the Clarence, Richmond, and Tweed rivers to meet him at Sydney on February 16, to discuss the situation, the company paying their expenses. Messrs. Thomas Donnelly and A. H. Garvan were elected delegates for the Clarence, with instructions to make the best terms possible, with at least a continuance of a standard average price of 12s for cane giving 12.7 per cent. sugar. Strong opposition was shown to the proposal to send the delegates to Sydney, and a motion was submitted to invite Mr. Knox to visit the Clarence instead, but defeated. A feeling was expressed that, owing to the competition of black-grown sugar from Fiji and other places, more protection than at present was necessary, and a reduction of the excise duty was favoured.

QUEANBEYAN.—On Saturday a portion of the London Bridge Estate was sold by auction, realising £9000.

SINGLETON.—The superabundance of grass is causing a lot of anxiety, on the score of bush fires, and in addition is responsible for a lot of worry to sheep owners, as the seeds of the grass are blinding the lambs in hundreds. The seeds appear to work round under the eyelid, and are removed by turning the eyelid inside out, and, passing the finger round the eyeball, scoop the seeds out. The sheep speedily recover when relieved. As in other parts of the State, this district is very lightly stocked at the present time. Right through the district the same spectacle meets the eye—grass high enough to brush against the boots when riding along. In the hilly timbered country it is yet fairly green—the green to burn. In the open country it is dying off. Should rain is badly needed just now to give late crops a chance. In several places watercourses show a shrinkage, and there is a decided diminution of water supplies, principally by evaporation.

WALGETT.—At the annual meeting of the Pastoral and Agricultural Society on Friday, Mr. T. H. Fleming, of Ulah, in the chair, the balance-sheet (showing the amount to credit of the society £325) and the report were read and adopted. It was resolved to hold a show on May 26. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. Sullivan; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Gordon and W. G. Ferris; hon. treasurer, Mr. Robert Moyse; secretary, Mr. Clarke.

WARIALD.—The ballots for the Bogamildi lands resulted as follows:—Settlement leases: No. 18, John Walter Wethered; 25, Frank Andrews; 28, William Mace; 29, William Mace; and Donald Campbell. Homestead selections: No. 40, William Coulton; 30, Eliza Ivy Campbell; 35, William Scott; 33, Thomas O'Neil; 28, Kenneth Cleal; 29, William Stevens; 42, Gwydir Lanagan; 45, William Coulton; 31, Eliza Ivy Campbell; 32, Eliza Jane Campbell; 34, Basil Cross; 36, Clement Wethered; 37, William Coulton; 44, Robert Percy Wethered.

WINGHAM.—During December the suppliers of the Manning River Co-operative Dairy Company were paid for 156,570lb of butter—first-class at 6½d, and second-class 6d per lb. The turnover for the month was £5152 12s 1d, being a large increase for the month. During the past year the company manufactured 1,242,700lb of butter. The London agent informs the company that the butter received was in splendid order, and giving great satisfaction. The large increase in the quantity of cream supplied continues. Rain is badly needed.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

GOSFORD AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

GOSFORD, Saturday.

The show in connection with the Gosford Agricultural Society, which was opened yesterday, was continued to-day in favourable weather. The attendance was large. The ring sections were warmly contested, the special feature being the splendid exhibitions by Mrs. Stace over hurdles, this lady clearing 5ft 6in, whilst the high jump by a gentleman was won with 5ft 4in. Mrs. Stace received an ovation. The following were the results:—

Trotting.—Capper, 1; Woodbury, 2. Best buggy turnout: Father Power, 1; Woodbury, 2. All-round horse: Comrie, 1; Parsons, 2. Jumping pony: W. Gavenlock, 1; H. Moir, 2. Gent.'s hackney: A. Wilson, 1; W. Calhaan, 2. Lady's hackney: Mrs. R. Frost, 1; Mrs Calhaan, 2. Jump: W. Calhaan, 1; W. White, 2. Jump 5ft 4in.: Best hunter: W. Calhaan, 1; J. Bartlett, 2. Best lady rider: Mrs. Stace, 1; Mrs. R. Frost, 2. Best rider over hurdle: A. Wilson, 1; W. White, 2. Pair hackneys: Mrs. Frost. Handicap wood-chopping: J. Prescott. Owing to the number of entries for this event three wood-chopping events were postponed. Bicycle race, 1m: N. Hobbs, won easily.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

COOMA.—2000 sheep, Nicholson's Dry Plain to Cooma.

HAY.—Fifty rams, from Gelam to Tchelery, Fanning and Co. owners. 6200 wethers, Tegannain and Wyvern to Melbourne, Holmes and Boadle. 4000 mixed sheep, Camperdown (Vic.) to Greongal, Learmonth. 1,700 mixed sheep, Victoria to Boolgal, A. J. Rathie. 350 ewes and rams, Victoria to Greongal, Learmonth. 6491 mixed sheep, Western district (Vic.) to Tegannain, Thomas Robertson. 3100 merino ewes and lambs, Western district (Vic.) to Gunbar, Armstrong Bros.

For some time past the whole of the beds at the Coast Hospital have been occupied by patients, and in order to partially meet the demands made upon the Board of Health temporary beds have been provided. It may be stated that of the 250 beds that were available during last year, the daily average occupied was 200.7. During the past two weeks there has been a marked increase in the number of typhoid cases admitted. On the other hand the scarlet fever epidemic has fallen off, whilst the number of children suffering from whooping cough is on the increase.

COUNTRY NEWS.

SINGLETON-CASSILIS RAILWAY.

SINGLETON, Monday.

The secretary of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has written to the Mayor of Singleton (Alderman F. A. Bennett), notifying him that in connection with the inquiry respecting the proposed railway from Singleton to Cassilis, with a branch line from Denman to Muswellbrook, the Committee would take evidence at Singleton on Saturday next, and desiring that arrangements should be made for the attendance of witnesses.

In this and other districts concerned the intention of a committee of a moribund Parliament to take evidence on this railway proposal is strongly condemned. The Railway Commissioners have already reported adversely to the line, and the opinion is very warmly expressed that, seeing there would be no likelihood of such a work paying under existing circumstances, but a certainty of its being a heavy additional burden on the country for many years, it is a matter of wonderment that persons should still advocate the construction of the railway. Very little interest is being taken in the visit of the Public Works Committee.

THE CHURCHES.

GOULBURN, Monday.

Bishop Barlow has appointed Archdeacon Bartlett incumbent of St. Saviour's Cathedral parish and vice-dean. The first position was rendered vacant by the removal of Canon Martin to Bega. The archdeacon's appointment is a popular one.

In response to a petition from all the lay members of the cathedral council, the Bishop has, in anticipation of the action of the cathedral chapter, tentatively appointed the Rev. W. F. Wentworth Shields, of Cooma, to the position rendered vacant by Archdeacon Bartlett.

MORUYA, Monday.

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Methodist Church a hearty invitation was extended to the Rev. John Thomas to remain in the circuit for a fourth year.

SANATORIA FOR CONSUMPTIVE WOMEN.

LIVERPOOL, Monday.

The committee of the Sanatoria for Consumptive Women fund, inaugurated locally a few months ago through the efforts of Mrs. H. Scrivener, is prosecuting the work of inducing country centres to take up the movement, and its numerical strength has been considerably augmented. The secretary (Mrs. H. Scrivener) has already received intimations to the effect that the movement is to be taken up in Goulburn by Mrs. Birkett, and in Camden by Mrs. Hawkins. Several of the schools of the district have promised to give entertainments in aid of the fund.

FUNERAL CHURCH PARADE.

A BALACLAVA HERO.

WINDSOR, Monday.

To honour the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Berckelman, of Balaclava Cottage, Newtown, near Windsor, who served in the Crimean War, and took part in the charge of the Six Hundred, a church parade was held in St. Matthew's Church of England, Windsor, yesterday afternoon. The local Horse, in command of Captain B. Hall, and the Infantry, in command of Captain J. J. Paine, headed by a brass band, composed of members of three local bands, marched from the barracks to church, the route being crowded with sightseers. The large church, which holds over 1000 people, was crowded to excess. The Rev. S. G. Fielding preached a stirring sermon, appropriate music was sung by the choir, Mr. Hilton Moses played a violin solo (Handel's "Largo"), and the preacher recited the "Charge of the Light Brigade." The organist (Mr. Eather) played the Dead March as the congregation left the church.

BATHS FOR NOWRA.

NOWRA, Saturday.

A public meeting was held in the Council-chambers last night to discuss the question of establishing public baths, and raising subscriptions for that object. Alderman King presided. Plans were submitted of a site on the river, near Maclean's, and the work was estimated to cost £200. It was decided to request Mr. A. Leatheam, secretary of the Progress Association, to form a committee of young men to canvass for subscriptions, and arrange entertainments in furtherance of the object. It was expected that the Government would grant a sum. £17 have already been subscribed locally.

HOSPITAL MEETINGS.

ALBURY, Monday.

The report and balance-sheet of the Albury Hospital were submitted to-night at the annual meeting of subscribers, and were of a highly encouraging character. The committee has over £600 on fixed deposit. The total receipts last year amounted, including the subsidy, to £1866, and the expenditure to £1721. The chairman said that, notwithstanding the bad season, subscriptions had steadily improved, and though the hospital was a New South Wales institution, residents of the Victorian border districts contributed liberally to the funds. The contract prices for supplies had last year been unusually high, but owing to the rigid economy exercised the cost per patient was £3 1 less than the year. The report was unanimously adopted.

COROWA, Monday.

At the annual meeting of subscribers to the Corowa Hospital the financial position was shown to be most satisfactory, there being £500 at fixed deposit, and the current account is in credit £250. The balance of assets over liabilities is £4267. The receipts for the past year were £913, as against £1108 in 1902. The Government subsidy is unpaid. The expenditure was £1013 9s 9d, as against £1164 for the previous year. Two hundred and thirteen indoor and 354 outdoor patients were treated at an annual cost per head of £2 9s 5d. The following officers were appointed:—President, Mr. J. G. Gray; vice-presidents, Rev. P. Hickey and Mr. T. H. Kendall; treasurer, Mr. F. A. Currie; committee, Messrs. Rosenbloom, Bull, King, Thompson, Brewer, Chicken, Broadbent, Ogilvie, and Edmondson.

GLEN INNES Monday.

At the annual meeting of the Glen Innes Hospital the report for year ending December 31 showed that 202 patients were admitted to the institution as against 186 for the previous year; 3718 beds were occupied, being an average of slightly over ten per day, and the average cost per patient per week was £1 10s 9d. Seventy-five outdoor patients were treated, and 60 operations performed under chloroform, which is almost double the number for the previous year, and demonstrates the great benefit conferred on the district by the establishment of a well-appointed operating-room. The finances are in a very satisfactory condition. The income for the year was £1060, and the expenditure £868, leaving a credit balance of £192. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. J. Chaffey; trustees, Messrs. G. M. Sampson, Geo. Martin; secretary, Mr. E. Dibley.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The annual general meeting of the Wellington Hospital was held on Friday. The reports showed a credit balance of £181 18s 6d. With regard to new hospital, the erection of which is nearing completion, there is an overdraft of £274. This, however, will be met with a special Government grant of £500, which was recently made. The following members were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. R. Read; vice-presidents, Messrs. Hy. Nancarrow and J. H. Quirk, unopposed; trustees, Messrs. C. H. Barton, H. Schmidt, H. Nancarrow, and S. Bembrick; auditors, Messrs. A. Gosden and A. J. Polson; secretary, Mr. Jno. Collins; committee, Messrs. Stockwell, Barton, Rose, Sherrif, Matheson, Siggings, Deveson, Tait, Bembrick, Schmidt, Thorncraft, and Crouch.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

At the police court to-day Thomas Noble was fined £5, with costs added, in default two months' imprisonment, for having sold prize packets, contrary to the Lotteries Act. A constable stated that the accused was calling out "Sixpence each. Prize with each packet. All prizes; no blanks." The officer bought one of the packets, which contained 4oz of lollies, and handing the packet back received a pipe. "Pipe" was written on the package.

COROWA, Monday.

Dissatisfaction is expressed by local anglers at the refusal of the Fisheries Board to reduce the minimum weight of Murray cod. The Victorian authorities have fixed 14lb. On this side of the Murray anglers have to return anything under 24lb.

NARRABRI, Monday.

Mr. C. M. White, the newly-appointed stock inspector for Pilliga district, takes up his duties at the end of this week.

The decision of the Railway Commissioners to rebuild the Baan Baa trucking yards has given general satisfaction, as owners will not truck there in consequence of the present unsatisfactory arrangements.

Inspector Gelling, from the Health Department, arrived here to-day to endeavour to facilitate the removal of the present nightsoil depot to an area set apart by the Government.

YASS, Monday.

There is dissatisfaction here over the railway arrangements. It is not known yet whether the tram will run out to meet the train on Tuesday. Many persons intended going to the Highland Gathering in Goulburn, but have discovered they have to pay single fare each way for the double journey, while the residents beyond Goulburn are getting the trip for 1d a mile.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Beauclerc was yesterday struck out of the Highweight Handicap, and Lady Edith out of the Second Nursery Handicap, in connection with the S.T.C. Anniversary meeting at Randwick to-day.

Registration was yesterday granted by the A.J.C. to the following racing fixtures:—Kembla, February 13; Eugowra J.C., February 26; Albion Park Picnic Races, March 17.

News has been received that the ex-Sydney horse Acetine has won the King's Plate, 1½m, at Calcutta, beating a field which included Up Guards, Aille, and others, in record time. Acetine was by Trident from Duenna, by Lecturer from Signora (imp.). Duenna is also the dam of Amberite, Flintlock, Pelissier, and Watchfire, the last-named being a winner at Randwick on Saturday. Up to the time the last files left India the grey had been showing good form, but had experienced bad luck in filling second place on several occasions.

Messrs. Chisholm and Co. have sold privately, on behalf of Mr. William Thompson, of Clydale, a two-year-old half-sister to Graft, by Projectile from La Vivadiere, and the two-year-old gelding by Projectile from Idalia. The purchases were made by a patron of J. T. Suna's stable at Kogarah.

The Buckthorpe colt Splenthorpe, who has been spelling for some months, is to be put into training again at Flemington.

The Padlock mare Link has been given into A. Hart's charge at Flemington. A chestnut mare by Malvolio—Tottie, has also joined J. Lynch's team at the Victorian headquarters.

The brood mare Lynette, by Wellesley, recently broke one of her legs through putting her foot into a rabbit hole. She had a filly foal by Bill of Portland running at her side.

The Melbourne colt Artillerist has been put into work again by E. Power.

The Queensland Turf Club will distribute £455 prize money over half a dozen events for its meeting on February 13.

Ballistite, by Carbine—Inheritance, will be put into work at Flemington this week.

E. C. Naylor, who, together with Prince Lyon and the jockey E. Fisher, was disqualified at Randwick on Saturday for two years, has appealed to the A.J.C. The appeal will be heard at noon to-day.

Messrs. H. Chisholm and Co. notify in our business columns that they will hold their usual blood stock sales during the A.J.C. Autumn meeting in April next. The date for their yearling sales has not yet been arranged, but racehorses in training and general blood stock will be offered on Monday, April 11.

Chesterman's stock continue to do well in Tasmania. At the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting the son of Chester was represented by three winners on each of the two days, and by a similar number at the reunion of the Newnham R.C. on Saturday.

On the Randwick tan track yesterday morning the Anniversary candidate, Faithful, was not nearly extended to run six furlongs in 1m 24s, but Bassini was stretched out over a similar distance, and ran it in 1m 20s. Mark and Mimer equalled Bassini's go, and Jacobite was striding along usefully. The balance of the regulars were out spurting or doing easy exercise.

A total of 44 nominations was received yesterday for the five events to be decided at the meeting of the New South Wales Trotting Club, which takes place on Tuesday next.

Entries for the general events of the V.A.T.C. Autumn Meeting total 257, compared with 288 last year.

SYDNEY TURF CLUB.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The S.T.C. anniversary reunion, which opened at Randwick on Saturday last, will be continued and concluded this afternoon, and a very interesting bill of fare has been provided for the occasion. The tracks and surroundings are in splendid condition for the time of year, and in all departments due preparation has been made for the requirements of visitors. The transit arrangements include a special tram service from Circular Quay via Oxford-street, and from the railway station via Cleveland-street, while traffic by cabs and 'buses will also be available. The sport commences at 1 p.m. with the Second Hurdle Race, in which at the difference in the weights Frontier should be able to account for Roodoch and Marton. Ironmould, Nous, Ben Hur, and Signature may fight out the battle for the Corinthian Handicap, and the places may be occupied by Ironmould, Nous, and Ben Hur. An interesting race is foreshadowed for the Second Nursery Handicap, among Graftondelle, Phrixus, Scot Free, Chimera, and Panshawe, and the numbers may go up for Graftondelle, Phrixus, and Scot Free. With only half-a-dozen acceptors for the Anniversary Handicap the field must necessarily be a small one. Cyanide, who heads the list, will have to shape better than she did on Saturday, but she may be better suited by the distance on this occasion. Bridegroom wears a very healthy appearance, and as the length of the journey will be to his liking the son of King Olaf must be one of the hardest to beat. Faithful has been shaping well on the track, and, with a concession of 4lb from Bridegroom, must have a big say in the settlement of the question. Leader and Oblivion are not attractive at the weights, but T.M.S. should run well, and even with his penalty Ruenalf II. must be entitled to some respect, while Speculum must also be given a chance. The contest promises to be well fought out, and those to play the leading parts at the finish seem to be Cyanide, Bridegroom, Faithful, T.M.S., Ruenalf II., and Speculum, while Bridegroom, Faithful, and T.M.S. may claim the attention of the judge in the order named.

A large field is promised for the High-weight Handicap, and at the weights the prospects of Canadian, Orry, Apsley, Mohair, Benescenio, and Ninyas seem to be the brightest. Canadian and Orry hail from the same stable, and O'Connor's elect may have most trouble in disposing of Apsley and Ninyas. The Farewell Handicap winds up the day's sport, and Contest, Leader, Ruenalf II., Possum, and Rue Royale seem to have a tride the best of the fixtures. If reserved for it, Ruenalf II. should just about win, but in his absence the situations may go to Leader, Possum, and Contest. The bill of fare is subjoined:—

SECOND HURDLE RACE.—About 2½m.

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Marton	11	0	Roodoch	9	11
Satinvader	9	12	Frontier	9	6

CORINTHIAN HANDICAP.—4m 1f.

Prince Lyon	13	12	Ben Hur	10	4
Ironmould	11	12	P. D. Q.	10	2
Diamonds	11	10	Wakefield	9	10
Nous	11	0	Granada	9	10
Signature	10	12	Bromine	9	7
Colin Clink	10	7	Grassex	9	7
Loch Lochie	10	5	Bono	9	7

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP.—5f.

Hadrian	9	5	High Collar	8	7
Ben Solr	8	12	Trenwith	8	7
Graftondelle	8	10	Hollander	8	4
Phrixus	8	9	Flora M'Donald	8	4
Panshawe	8	8	Terra	8	0
Scot Free	8	8	Chimera	7	7
Peaceful	8	7	Vanadium	7	5
Mirimar	8	7	Waikato	7	0

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—1m.

Cyanide	8	12	T.M.S.	7	6
Bridegroom	8	10	Ruenalf II.	7	2
Faithful	8	6	Benovan	6	12
Leader	8	3	Watchfire	6	7
Oblivion	7

A DAUGHTER OF KINGS.

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CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

THE MOTHER.

It happened the day Mrs. Perkins made her first call, Anne was detained listening to Dr. Pottinger's hopes and fears concerning his patient. When she reached the drawing room at last she found that Mrs. Perkins was being entertained by old Mrs. Corbett. On the point of entering the room her footsteps were arrested by the incessant flow of talk. After the pause she went in quietly. She got a good view of the two old women, unseen by them. The faces were alive with interest. They might have been painted as peasants talking.

She caught a bit of Mrs. Perkins's conversation as she came up the room.

"The happiest hours I ever had, ma'am," the multi-millionaire was saying, "were when John couldn't afford me a girl and I did all the work myself. 'Tis little I ever thought I'd be so fine and have so many of them that I wouldn't know my own servants' faces."

Anne's heart went out to her again. There could be no vulgarity with such openness about matters the vulgar would call vulgar. She did not dislike it when Mrs. Perkins took her an instant into her sable-covered arms, and kissed her on the cheek, although Anne did not like kissing as a general thing.

It was the first time Mrs. Perkins had troubled herself to call at Minster, where indeed up to a short time ago there had been only children and their governess to receive a call, unless one considered John Corbett's old mother, and very few people would have thought of considering her in that way. Strange, too, as it might seem, John Corbett, except by favour of the Duchess's friendship, scarcely belonged to the exalted circle which received Mrs. Perkins and rejoiced in their homeliness of speech and looks. Wealthy as he was, his wealth hardly lifted him above his fellows in the manufacturing town. It was nothing to that enormous wealth of Mrs. Perkins's which was like the treasures of Aladdin to anyone who had imagination enough to take it in.

It was the first time but not the last. It became quite a common thing for Anne to come in and find the two old women chatting together as she had that first day, and it was wonderful how the long-frozen current of Mrs. Corbett's speech flowed when she and Mrs. Perkins were together.

The time came when Mrs. Perkins herself told Anne the tragedy of her son with workings of the uncomely face that brought tears to Anne's eyes, and a painful lump to her throat. It had been a steady, swift descent into degradation, which no love could have averted.

"He was that self-willed, my dear," said the poor woman, "that I never durst interfere with anything he did. And none knew what was happening till he was past saving. Yet I believe through it all he was sorry and ashamed, or why did he leave his fine rooms, where he had everything money could buy, and disappear into the place he did, unless he meant his mother never to know how low he had fallen? It was only through the hussy he married we knew at last. A servant in a low London lodging-house he had made his wife, London lodging-house he had made his wife, and my dear. And to think of the hopes John and I had set on that boy. And him so handsome."

She fetched a photograph frame for Anne to see. It was a gorgeous affair of gold set with precious stones, an expression of the mother's love, and incongruously splendid with the weak, obstinate, yet not altogether ignoble face it contained.

"He had such pretty curls," the mother said, gloating over it, "and he was such a beautiful strong baby. He was the only one I ever had, and all the love I had to give went into him. Sometimes I've thought I spoilt him, my dear. You see I hadn't been used to money. When it began rolling in first I didn't know what to make of it, and couldn't believe it came through all the smelly things John had used to make up in his little workshop of a night. And it came in such heaps and heaps. And the child being born late when I'd given up expecting. And his father being taken from us, and no control of him as a boy. And when he wouldn't go to school I was that fond of him I couldn't go against him. Oh dear, oh dear, I'm afraid I made an idol of him and God punished me."

"As far as that goes," said Anne, "I think most women make idols of their children; and God doesn't punish them. Perhaps he means the children to be made idols of. Of course it was a pity you didn't make him go to school. But perhaps that had nothing at all to do with it. He had great temptations, being the possessor of so much wealth. Wealth must be a great trial, Mrs. Perkins."

Mrs. Perkins looked at her open-mouthed. It was the first time the point of view had been presented to her. But after a moment she said humbly:

"Perhaps you are right, my dear. People make idols of that; but after all it doesn't bring happiness and peace of mind, as none knows better than myself."

"I'm always sorry for the poor rich people," said Anne, with a sincerity there was no doubting.

Mrs. Perkins looked at her with a certain cunning in her small eyes.

"It's surprising what people will do to get it," she said. "And people you wouldn't think would stoop. Now there's Olivarez; you know Olivarez, my dear?"

Anne shook her head.

"You don't? You must have forgotten him. But he hasn't forgotten you. He saw you at dinner one night. He thought you would set off somebody's diamonds better than any woman he ever saw."

Anne's eyes flashed.

"I remember now," she said. "What a vulgar thought!"

Again the humility so few people know showed itself in Mrs. Perkins.

"Is it vulgar, my dear?" she asked. "I shouldn't have thought it. I am sure poor Olivarez didn't mean it vulgar. Why, there's hardly a pretty girl I know who wouldn't marry Olivarez if he asked them; for all that he isn't over-particular in some ways, and wasn't brought up to his money any more than myself.

Anne waived away the subject of Mr. Olivares as though it could not possibly have the remotest interest for her.

"We won't talk about him," she said. "I do remember him. He had shirt studs that were like gig-lamps. I suppose he couldn't help it. But tell me, dear Mrs. Perkins. We were talking of something so much more interesting. Did you ever see your son's wife"

"Not I." Mrs. Perkins's face became purple with indignation. "A little common hussy, to take advantage of my son when he wasn't in a state to know what he was doing! I wish I could have had her punished by law for it."

"Perhaps she liked him," said Anne wistfully. "Why should she not? She may not have known that he was rich."

"I told my lawyer to allow her a sum that would enable her to live respectable. I couldn't have my George's wife disgrace his name, or else I'd have let her be. She calls for the allowance quarterly. That is all I know of her. Indeed, now you mention it, Mr. Drake, of Drake, Hollis, and Burr—it's a well-known old firm, my dear—did want me to see her. I couldn't do it—a common little Irish slut!"

"Irish!"

"My dear, I beg your pardon," said Mrs. Perkins in a painful flutter of repentance. "I hope you will forgive me. I wouldn't have let it escape me, not for anything you could give me, if I'd remembered."

"Never mind," said Anne, "if she is a hussy it doesn't alter the fact that she's Irish. But if she isn't a hussy, her being Irish doesn't matter. I wish you would see her, Mrs. Perkins, all the same."

"I couldn't bring myself to do it, my dear. You see, I took it that she—took him in like."

"If you were so fond of him why should you doubt someone else loving him for his own sake?"

"I never thought of that," said Mrs. Perkins in a wondering voice. Her face looked as though she had been given pause. "If so be, it was that she didn't take him for his money. But no, my dear, it was a blow. With all that great fortune waiting for him—and he might pick and choose among ladies of title. He might have, indeed, my dear."

"I wouldn't value that unless they liked him for himself."

"And why wouldn't they?" said the mother. "My Georgie might well have been liked for himself."

"Then you should have given the poor thing he married the benefit of the doubt," said Anne, with the most tender smile.

"I'm surprised at you, I really am, Miss Daly," said Mrs. Perkins. "You look so proud. When I saw you walk across the room that first evening, before ever I saw your face, I saw the pride in your back, in your shoulders, my dear, and wondered who you could be. You know you've a very proud back. You won't mind my saying so?"

"It isn't that kind of pride," said Anne seriously. "I think if she was a poor little girl who married him for love, perhaps not knowing that he was rich—you said yourself that he was in miserable surroundings—I'd receive her far more gladly than I would a titled lady who might have—might have, you understand, married him for his money."

"It's beyond me," said Mrs. Perkins, helplessly. "I can only think of the disappointment. It broke my heart, it did indeed, my dear. You wouldn't think of it to look at me, but I am really a broken-hearted woman. I should like to say for the girl that Mr. Drake did say she wasn't greedy about the money. Drake was prepared to allow her much more. She thought a hundred a year quite sufficient."

Anne got up and kissed Mrs. Perkins of her own accord.

"I think I'd see her if I were you," she said. "I'll think about it, my dear," Mrs. Perkins said in the same bewildered way. "Perhaps I've too much common-sense, and perhaps you've something better. But a little servant girl out of a Hoxton lodging-house as my George's widow! It would be easier, you see, dear, if I hadn't all the money and the great house and all the servants, and the fine friends who don't mind my queer, common ways because I'm the rich Mrs. Perkins. Of course they laugh at me behind my back. Still, still, if she was a decent girl and loved my Georgie I could get over all that. You're the proudest of them all, and you advise me to it. You never think of me as the rich Mrs. Perkins at all, dear, do you now?"

Anne's face was beautiful as she looked at her.

"No, dear Mrs. Perkins," she said, "only as the poor Mrs. Perkins, the poor, poor woman who had a son and lost him."

(To be continued.)

VICTORIA BARRACKS.

PADDINGTON COUNCIL'S AGITATION.

The rumours regarding the proposed removal of the Victoria Barracks from Paddington to another locality has caused some stir in military circles. The agitation for the removal of the present buildings, and the sale of the land for building purposes, has been carried on for some years. Definite action was taken by the Paddington Council in April, 1901, when Alderman W. Brown succeeded in carrying a resolution to the effect that a deputation should wait upon the Colonial Secretary, with a view of pointing out the desirability of removing the barracks and selling the land for building purposes. Considerable correspondence followed, and on July 18 of the same year the Premier (Sir John See) admitted to a deputation the value of the land for building purposes, and promised to have inquiries made as to the possibility of complying with the representations of the council. Subsequently Alderman C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., brought up the subject in the State Parliament, and was informed that the matter rested with the Federal Government. The Paddington Council at a later period communicated with Sir William M'Millah, who wrote to the Minister for Defence, and received a reply to the effect that the matter had not assumed any definite shape, and that so far the question had not been seriously considered. It is generally regarded that the present barracks do not provide the necessary accommodation, also that the land is too valuable to be used for the purpose. Some weeks ago Alderman W. Brown again brought the subject before the council at Paddington, and gave notice of his intention to move that representations should again be made to the Federal Government, requesting the removal of the barracks, and the sale of the land.

NEW SOUTH WALES SCENERY.

Judge Docker, president of the New South Wales Photographic Society, delivered a lecture on "The Scenery of New South Wales," before the congress of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Dunedin. He had intended, he said, to deal with the scenery of the whole of Australia, but on looking through his slides he found that the subject would occupy too much time, and he decided to confine himself to the scenery of New South Wales, and to only three or four districts there, typical as they were of larger areas. The lecturer proceeded, with the aid of splendid limelight views, to bring before his audience some of the beautiful scenery of the Blue Mountains—the great pleasure resort of the residents of Sydney. From there they passed further inland, into the region of ancient volcanoes, and thence to the north of New South Wales, where the ranges run close down to the sea, densely clothed with semi-tropical vegetation. He had seen nothing in New Zealand, beautiful as its birch forests were, to compare with the infinite variety of tint to be found on the northern rivers and ranges. The lecture was closed with a brief visit to the vast plains of the interior, where many interesting pictures are to be found. The views were exceedingly pretty. His description of them was full and clear and instructive, and his audience warmly applauded him many times on the conclusion of his remarks. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was accorded to Judge Docker for the splendid excursion upon which he had taken his audience.

HOMES FOR THE PEOPLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Notwithstanding the strictures passed upon it by "Prescription," many, like myself, must have been pleased to see attention directed by "Sufferer's" letter to the above subject, even though they might not endorse his suggestion for special legislation. The measurements quoted by him are certainly not exaggerated, small as they may appear; in fact, are quite liberal compared with many other allotments. That the lack of quantity of suburban land is quite close to the city. What is even more lamentable is that while many of the elevated localities most suitable for residential purposes are thinly occupied, or are quite vacant, in the vicinity of the low, such as Darling Harbour, parts of Woolloomooloo, the Glebe, Redfern, Waterloo, Balmain, etc., carry a congested population.

But in order to deal with the difficulty it is necessary to trace the cause. The colluble estates of vacant suburban lands are mostly held by extremely wealthy owners, and escape with a minimum of taxation. Every judicious act of Government, municipal or otherwise, and every addition of population, tends to increase their value. The land is offered for sale in small blocks for building purposes, because in that form they realise most money. If all vacant lands were offered at once there would be a slump in prices, which, however great a benefit it might be for the people at large, would not suit the vendors. The builders, knowing that immediately buildings are erected they will have to bear a heavy municipal tax, try to economise in making the land they buy carry as many houses as possible, hence the demand for small blocks. If the high municipal rates on the unimproved value of land the householder will not be so heavily taxed, for vacant land will have to pay its full share, and the builder will not then be so anxious to economise in land, and more will be found available of bold land ride, so that more will be offered for sale, and it will become cheaper, and one may buy a much greater area with his money than now. The allotments would then be made larger, without special restrictive legislation to that effect, which I regard as by no means to suit every case.

I am, etc.,
Jan. 27. FRANK P. HODDINOTT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The chief argument of "Prescription" against my proposed limitation of area for allotments seems to be that it would defeat the very purpose I have in view, viz., the good of the working men. He says that "land, like every other commodity, is governed by the law of supply and demand, and that therefore, if you increase the price you increase the profit." Now, I think you will show that this is not the case. The chief reason why such a high price can be obtained for suburban land is that it can be cut up into any sized areas, on which you can erect as many cottages or terrace houses as you please. The return from these properties is very large. It is a well-known fact, and one attested by the recent visitation of plague, that the small tenements pay far better than the better class of houses, and why? because people will live in such dwellings do not want a high style or comfort, and yet are charged in proportion a higher rent. The bulk of the people belong to the working class, and the remainder to the middle and upper class. The landowners make most of their money by catering for the working class. I believe limitation, such as I propose, would cheapen that much desired commodity, land, and place it more within the reach of the poor. I think a suitable living area is an indispensable necessity for the health of the masses. Here in this favoured country we have very much of land, but thanks to the want of any law preventing it, we have all the people huddled round the towns, and in insane areas at the back unfounded. I contend that a living area would extend settlement, and increase the demand for railways and tramways. With more breathing space people would be more prosperous, and therefore better able to pay travelling expenses, because each family would be able to grow a little for their own requirements. With regard to the value of land also, another point is that the growth of population creates a demand for land, and makes it valuable. Landowners, as a rule, have simply to sit down and wait for what is called the unearned increment.

"Prescription" also says: "There is no reason why the laws of health should not be observed in small dwellings as well as in large ones." Granted that some may observe such laws, but if they are living in terrace houses, no matter how clean they may be themselves, they will assuredly suffer from the dirt and filth of their neighbours.

No modern methods in the world would cleanse the terrace property I have in mind whilst writing. The only way to cleanse them is to pull them down and burn them. Concerning the views of the harbour, etc., that are built out, this would not altogether be the case if the terrace house evil was stopped, and a living area allowed, because glimpses of the views beyond would be obtained between the houses. I am, etc.,

A SUFFERER.

THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have been unable, after careful search, to discover a precedent for the course adopted on Thursday evening last by Mr. Speaker M'Court, in accepting and acting upon a telegram notifying the prorogation of Parliament. The first duty of the Speaker of the Assembly is to respect and enforce the rules and procedure of Parliament, and to see that the rights and privileges of the people's representatives are maintained in their integrity; but this duty has been so often left undischarged of late that probably the chief officer of the popular House thinks that one breach more or less will make little difference. May, on page 49, puts the position thus: "Parliament . . . can only commence its deliberations at the time appointed by the Queen; neither can it continue them any longer than she pleases. She may prorogue Parliament by having her command signified, in her presence, by the Lord Chancellor or Speaker of the House of Lords, to both Houses, by writ under the Great Seal, by commission, or by proclamation." Now under which of these several prescribed forms was Parliament prorogued on Thursday last? The Speaker vacated the chair on the authority of a document which, unless it were testified to by the postal and telegraphic authorities as being a correct copy of one lodged by the high Imperial dignitary whose signature it purported to bear, would not be accepted as evidence in a court of law. It would be well to set at rest a fear which some labour under who desire to see the traditions and precedents of Parliament respected, that he has in this instance and for some time past ignored the rights of members. When this House meets again—if it ever should meet—I will endeavour to learn the authority upon which Mr. M'Court has acted. I am, &c.,

Strathfield, Jan. 23. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK.

BUILDINGS AND WORKS.

SOME CURRENT ENTERPRISES.

AN EXTENSIVE MILLING PLANT.

What is claimed to be the most extensive milling plant in Australia, one capable of turning out sufficient flour to supply a third of the population of Sydney, was set in motion last week at the Anchor Roller Flour Mills, situated at the foot of Bathurst-street, Sydney, with an extensive water frontage to Darling Harbour. The site some 16 years since became the property of Messrs. Gillespie Bros. and Co., who last year placed an order with Messrs. Henry Simon, Limited, milling engineers, of Manchester and Sydney, for a high-class, modern 30-sack plant. The old mill was run until September last. The new mill was started on December 3 last, or 13 weeks from time of stopping the old plant, and when it is taken into consideration the amount of work accomplished, this is regarded as a record in mill building so far as Australia is concerned.

The motive power consists of three of Babcock and Wilcox water tube boilers, fitted with mechanical stokers, and the engine is of the triple expansion condenser type, built by the Austral Otis Company, of Melbourne, and is a very fine piece of machinery. The flywheel is 16ft in diameter, and grooved for rope driving, while the power is transmitted to the mill by 12 ropes, distributed on to three main shafts on the first floor of the mill. In addition to the pumps, &c., necessary for a complete up-to-date plant, there is also in the engine-room a very powerful dynamo, used for the purpose of lighting the whole of the extensive premises.

Before coming to the mill proper it should be mentioned that the wheat, whether received by boat or rail, is tipped through a receiving hopper on to band conveyor, extending from the wharf to a preliminary cleaning department, prior to being stored in the silo or wheat elevator (also erected by Henry Simon, Limited). The wheat is drawn from silo bins for milling as required, after passing through an extended cleaning process on to conditioning bins, from thence on to break rolls.

The milling plant is on the four-break system, the breaks comprising 10 sets of Simon 40in by 10in four-roller mills, and the reductions are performed by 8 sets of similar machines. In all there are 24 sets of these massive machines. The sealping is performed on Simon rotary and double horizontal centrifugal scalpers. The purification is done on 10 Simon double purifiers of the latest type. They are a fine piece of mechanical ingenuity.

The flour dressing proper is done on 30 Simon centrifugal dressing machines, which are preceded by useful little machines known as detachers. The finished products are taken to packing departments by mechanical means and filled into various size bags as required by means of flour packers and mechanical flour presses.

The plant and the whole of necessary machinery and shafting are fitted with self-lubricating bearings. It is stated that this is the first plant erected outside Great Britain fitted with the same throughout.

GENERAL NOTES.

Yesterday afternoon tenders were opened by the Railway Commissioners for the constructions in the State of New South Wales and supply of 30 heavy passenger and 30 heavy goods locomotive engines and bogie tenders. Six tenders were received, but three of these were regarded as informal. The three others were the Clyde Engineering Company, the Fitzroy Dock, and Messrs. G. and C. Hoskins. The Commissioners referred the papers to the Chief Mechanical Engineer, Mr. Thow, for report.

Under directions from the Minister for Home Affairs, tenders are called for the erection of a new post and telegraph office at Hurstville, also for the supply and laying of a system of three-inch iron conduits in the vicinity of the North Sydney Post-office to be used for the carriage of telephone cables; also for the erection of 28½ miles of new wooden pole telegraph line completed, and 23 miles of additional wire on existing poles along the railway line between Temora and Wyalong; also for the supply and erection of about 100 wooden poles for the same route, and the dismantling of about 10 miles of existing telegraph line. Tenders are also to be received up to February 4 for the supply of horses and transport required by the New South Wales military forces.

After considerable delay, occasioned by consideration being given to the question of the class of property to be erected on the land in George street, near King-street, where a building was recently demolished, the joint architects, Messrs. Rowe and Spain and T. M. Smith, have been instructed to erect the party wall forming part of Denison House, and a tender has been accepted. The wall will go down to a rock bottom which means at the back portion a depth of about 20ft. It will rise four stories, and in thickness will be 2ft 4in in the basement and 18in on the remainder.

Mr. G Sydney Jones, architect, has prepared plans for a large residence at Leura, on the Mountains, also drawings for stabling and other works in the same district, likewise for a residence at Burwood.

An orphanage is to be erected in connection with St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Liverpool. The work is to be carried out under the direction of Mr. J. J. Sherin, architect.

In the office of Mr. Clarence Backhouse, architect, drawings have been prepared and tenders called for the erection of two cottage residences at Mosman.

Mr. Durrell, architect, is preparing plans for alterations and additions to business premises, George-street.

Messrs. Robertson and Marks, architects, have completed drawings for two shops in Oxford-street and also for a shop and dwelling in Clarence-street. Both works are now being tendered for.

It has been decided to erect a Methodist Church at Hexley. Plans have been prepared and are now obtainable at the local parsonage, where tenders are to be sent.

Messrs. James G. Edwards and Co., of Moore-street, Sydney, who are extending their business to Hornsby, invite tenders for the erection of office and residence, from plans, &c, prepared by Mr. W. J. Goodall.

TENDERS ACCEPTED.

During the past week tenders were accepted for the following works:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

City.—Construction of a party wall in George-street. Messrs. Rowe and Spain and T. M. Smith, joint architects. Messrs. Wall and Son, successful tenderers.

Moss Vale.—Alterations and additions to Roman Catholic Presbytery. Messrs. Sheerin and Hennessy, architects. Mr. J. Pinleny, successful tenderer.

Elizabeth Bay.—Sanitary plumbing and drainage works to Cardigan. Mr. J. J. Sherin, architect. Mr. W. Bardield, successful tenderer.

Hunter's Hill.—Extensive sanitary plumbing and drainage works, St. Joseph's College. Mr. John S. Hennessy, architect. Mr. W. Bardield, successful tenderer.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Road works, Main South Coast-road, Moruya district, J. L. Veitch, Moruya, £292 10s. West Maitland to Kurri Kurri, David Hayes, Kurri Kurri, £240. Hexham to Lambburner's Creek, M. Doherty, Newcastle, £440.

Government Architect's Works.—Erection and completion of dwarf wall, pedestal, and enclosure of Commonwealth memorial stone, Centennial Park, Sydney. Robert Wall and Sons, Marrickville, £197. Repairs to military forts and buildings, Middle Head District, Henry James, St. Peters, £78 18s.

Harbours and Rivers Works.—Erection and completion of lighthouse, etc., Crookhaven Heads, Charles M'Carthy, Mosman, £658.

Miscellaneous Works.—Removal of piles of trial cylinder platform for proposed Sydney harbour bridge, H. M'Kenzie and Sons, Pyrmont, £60.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

Tenders for the following works were opened by the Tender Board of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon:

Converting recreation hall into nurses' bedrooms, Hospital, Little Bay.—Wood tenders: Mr. A. Sims, £311 8s 8d, lowest. Repairs to forts and buildings, Rare Island and Henry Head. Three tenders; to be reported on. General repairs, Parramatta military buildings. Two tenders; to be reported on. General repairs, military buildings, Bathurst, South Head. Three tenders; to be reported on. Laying on gas to cancer ward, etc., Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool. Three tenders; Mr. Thos. H. Harvey, £60 13s 6d, lowest. Additional closets and urinals, etc., Liverpool Benevolent Asylum.—Three tenders; Messrs. Baldwin Bros., £69, lowest. Lifting gear for doors, guides, and straps for doors, Willandra and Middle Billabong regulators. Six tenders; Messrs. Henry Yale and Sons, £258 10s, lowest. Lease of public watering place, Currabubula bore, road Wanaaring to Milparinka. One tender; to be reported on. Lease of public watering place, Wah Wah tank, road Tarcutta to Pilliga. Two tenders; to be reported on. Lease of public watering place, Paka tank, road Bourke to Wanaaring. One tender; to be reported on.

NEW CONTRACTS ANNOUNCED.

During the week the following contracts were announced in our business columns:—

BY ARCHITECTS.

Turramurra.—Asphalting works at a villa. Mr. M. Rigden, architect.

Redfern.—Erection of a monastery for the Patrician Brothers. Mr. J. Nangle, architect.

Mosman.—Erection of a cottage residence. Mr. Clarence Backhouse, architect. Also, by same architect, construction of foundations, making grounds, and drainage work of another cottage in the same district.

Newtown.—Alterations and additions to shop, King street. Mr. James Campbell, architect, Newtown.

Stanmore.—Erection of three detached villas at Cambridge street, Stanmore. Mr. E. Roland Halloran, architect, Strand Arcade.

Liverpool.—Erection and Completion of St. Anne's Orphanage. Tenders close January 30. Mr. J. J. Sherin, architect.

City.—Erection of two shops in Oxford-street. Tenders close February 17 with the architects, Messrs. Robertson and Marks.

Burwood.—Erection of a residence at Burwood. Mr. G. Sydney Jones, architect.

Blue Mountains.—Erection of stable buildings and front fencing at Leura; also a large residence in the same nursery. Mr. G. Sydney Jones, architect.

Allen Memorial Church.—Internal fittings, mason work, and iron railings. Mr. Rutledge Loust, architect.

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS.

Epping.—Erection of a weatherboard cottage. Mr. W. Wardrobe, Dibbs-street, Alexandria.

Summer Hill.—Renovation of a large residence at Tintern-road. Specifications with Messrs. Stanton and Son, Summer Hill.

Ship Joinery.—Joinery and internal work for new passenger steamer. Tenders close to-morrow with Messrs. R. S. Lamb and Co., Pitt-street.

Waverley.—Erection of a brick cottage. Plans at 86 Nithsdale-street, city.

Roselle.—Erection of a weatherboard cottage. Mr. C. Ivers, Weston-road, Roselle.

Bexley.—Erection of a Methodist Church. Plans at the Parsonage, Bay-street, Rockdale.

Redfern.—Erection of shops. Regent-street. Plans with Mr. Ashwood, 827 George-street.

Hornsby.—Erection of offices and residence, opposite railway station. Plans with Messrs. James G. Edwards and Co., Moore street, city.

MUNICIPAL WORKS.

Glebe.—Painting exterior of Town Hall. Tenders close with council clerk on Thursday, January 28, at 3.30 p.m.

Woollahra.—Supply of earthenware pipes, metal, coal tar, laying kerb and guttering, and other municipal works for the year. Tenders close February 6.

Orange.—Sanitary service to the borough for a term of five years. Tenders close with council clerk on February 2.

RAILWAY INSTRUCTION CLASSES.

RESULT OF EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the results of the recent examinations held in connection with the instruction classes of 1903 for railway and tramway employees arranged under the direction of the council of the Railway Institute:—

ACCOUNTS CLASS.

Coaching: C. A. Swinbourne, 88 per cent., first class; W. Gilsenville, 82 per cent., first class; C. A. M'Carthy, 76 per cent., merit certificate; H. Wright, 72 per cent., merit certificate; James Kershaw, 70 per cent., merit certificate; E. A. Davis, 68 per cent., merit certificate.

Goods: C. A. Swinbourne, 88 per cent., first class; W. Gilsenville, 82 per cent., first class; C. A. M'Carthy, 76 per cent., merit certificate; H. Wright, 72 per cent., merit certificate; A. E. Burt, 68 per cent., merit certificate; F. W. Howieson, instructor; J. H. Williams, examiner.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

Elementary: W. Corner, 86 per cent., first class; S. A. Henderson, 83 per cent., first class; P. A. De Courcy Brown, 78 per cent., merit certificate; H. A. Porter, 78 per cent., merit certificate; A. R. M'Kenzie, 73 per cent., merit certificate; Chas. Tueting, 70 per cent., merit certificate. W. Cantello, instructor; J. P. Strickland, examiner.

Advanced: A. J. Henry, 83 per cent., first class; Carl Lumadame, 70 per cent., merit certificate; F. Healey, 68 per cent., merit certificate; J. E. Armstrong, 66 per cent., merit certificate; J. W. Christie, 63 per cent., merit certificate. J. L. Scott, instructor; J. P. Strickland, examiner.

MECHANICAL DRAWING.

Advanced: G. Wilson, 94 per cent., honours and 1st prize; J. Simpson, 93 per cent., honours and 2nd prize; H. W. Simmonds, 83 per cent., first class; F. N. Maclean, 81 per cent., first class; A. C. Sharpe, 74 per cent., merit certificate; J. D. Browne, 63 per cent., merit certificate; R. J. Thompson, 65 per cent., merit certificate; R. E. Thomas, 63 per cent., merit certificate. W. M'Namara, instructor; F. B. Hamilton, examiner.

Elementary: W. Dawe, 91 per cent., honours and 1st prize; A. J. Wheeler, 94 per cent., honours and 2nd prize; J. W. Bell, 92 per cent., first class; E. Jiug, 92 per cent., first class; W. J. Wilson, 72 per cent., merit certificate; A. Hamilton, 65 per cent., merit certificate; A. C. Barnes, 63 per cent., merit certificate. W. Watson, 65 per cent., merit certificate; J. Nicholas, 65 per cent., merit certificate; A. Prince, 65 per cent., merit certificate. W. W. C. Jarrett, instructor; F. B. Hamilton, examiner.

Carpentry: J. Hosking, 94 per cent., honours, 92 per cent., 1st class and 1st prize; W. Drummond, 90 per cent., 1st class and 2nd prize; E. D. Tunks, 81 per cent., first class; J. Lusby, 75 per cent., merit certificate; B. Clarke, 76 per cent., merit certificate; G. W. Isbell, 69 per cent., merit certificate; R. Reid, 65 per cent., merit certificate. F. W. Howieson, instructor; S. Mars, examiner.

SHORTHAND, &c.

Reporting Class: J. Russell, 100 words per minute, in order of merit; P. G. Tweedie, 100 words per minute, in order of merit; S. A. Nicholas, 100 words per minute, in order of merit. J. C. Gray, instructor; F. Chartres, examiner.

Elementary: F. W. H. Godfrey, 95 per cent., honours and first prize; E. S. Hill, 90 per cent., first class and second prize; E. Soulton, 88 per cent., first class; H. Bechelli, 77 per cent., merit certificate; H. Reid, 74 per cent. merit certificate; S. E. Hilaire, 72 per cent., merit certificate; J. M'Causey, 72 per cent., merit certificate; Burton Robb, 69 per cent., merit certificate. W. M. Pollard, instructor; F. Chartres, examiner.

Advanced: F. A. Brewster, 92 per cent., first-class; F. E. Beeman, 78 per cent., merit certificate; E. Feeney, 77 per cent., merit certificate; H. W. Criswick, 77 per cent., merit certificate. W. Beattie, 71 per cent., merit certificate; A. H. Robson, 69 per cent., merit certificate; H. Hassell, 68 per cent., merit certificate; S. S. Owens, 68 per cent., merit certificate; A. Wirth, 68 per cent., merit certificate; H. J. Kershaw, 65 per cent., merit certificate. W. E. Newell, instructor; Samuel Redshaw, examiner.

Typewriting: E. J. Winters, 94 per cent., 1st class; C. W. Lumadame, 84 per cent., first-class; F. T. Waddups, 79 per cent., merit certificate; Arch. Wade, 71 per cent., merit certificate. E. J. Saywell, instructor; D. C. Williamson, examiner.

Westinghouse Brake: G. Garrard, 87 per cent., first-class certificate; W. Sheehan, 81 per cent., first-class certificate; T. A. M'Gowan, 78 per cent., merit certificate; Stanley Collier, 76 per cent., merit certificate. J. Chudleigh, instructor; E. A. Loughrey, examiner.

COUNTRY CLASSES.

Goulburn.—Shorthand—advanced: W. Randall, 83 per cent., 6 strokes, with a speed per minute upon 1. Elementary: J. Stephenson, 93 per cent., honours and first prize; S. Brown, 90 per cent., first-class and second prize; A. Reay, 86 per cent., first class; J. Jones, 81 per cent., first class; T. Bell, 80 per cent., first class. C. Duncan, 75 per cent., first class. E. G. Miller, instructor; F. Chartres, examiner.

Correspondence Students' Examination—safe rail working: L. C. Tumlin, Wallandbeen, 98 per cent.; W. Hughson, Millthorpe, 79 per cent.; S. Bird, Williams, Bathurst, 67 points; J. F. Holman, Narromine, 66 per cent. W. Glanville, instructor; J. Muir, examiner.

Electrical Engineering: S. B. Williams, Bathurst, 65 per cent., merit certificate. W. Costello, instructor; J. F. Strickland, examiner.

ACCOUNTS CLASS.

Coaching: W. G. Hughson, Millthorpe, 86 per cent., first class; J. T. Holman, Narromine, 79 per cent., merit certificate; J. J. Francis, Edgecombe, 74 per cent., merit certificate; G. Graves, Cagertee, 73 per cent., merit certificate; H. Benning, Gunnedah, 72 per cent., merit certificate; H. Waubope, Wondabyne, 68 per cent., merit certificate; C. Chatworthy, Hawkesbury, 67 per cent., merit certificate. W. Finley, instructor; J. H. Williams, examiner.

Westinghouse Brake: S. B. Williams, Bathurst 71 per cent., merit certificate; J. Lobb, Goulburn, 69 per cent., merit certificate; T. Harrison, Picton, 69 per cent., merit certificate. T. K. M'Gowan, instructor; F. A. Loughrey, examiner.

THE SUBURBS.

PADDINGTON.

A very satisfactory report regarding the health of the borough was read at the meeting of the council on Monday night. Mr. A. D. Carmichael, local inspector, stated that typhoid fever had been less prevalent in the borough during 1903 than for any of the preceding seven years, with the exception of 1902. Imported case the borough had been free from typhoid for the past six months. Sixteen cases of diphtheria showed a slight increase over the two preceding years. There had also been 116 cases of scarlet fever during the year just ended.

BALMAIN WORKINGMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Balmain Workingmen's Institute was held on Tuesday night. Alderman G. C. Wright (president) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The management committee reported that since the completion of the additions to the institute the membership had increased from between 300 and 400 to nearly 600. As the result of a deputation to the Government, a special grant of £250 had been obtained. The revenue for the half-year, including the usual Government endowment, had been £305 9s 4d, while the expenditure amounted to £311 0s 4d, inclusive of moneys paid for the improvement of the building, and £100 paid off the mortgage. A motion was carried that Mr. J. Storey, M.L.A., should be made a life member in consideration of his services in obtaining the £250 grant from the Government. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

PETERSHAM BOROUGH FINANCES.

At the last meeting of the Petersham Borough Council, the council clerk's financial statement showed a credit balance in the bank of £608 13s 3d, against which were unrepresented cheques amounting to £153 17s 9d. The report stated that the payments authorised at that meeting completed the expenses for the municipal year, which totalled £11,407 10s 4d, being an increase of £1217 10s 9d on the previous year. The whole of this increase, together with £416 14s 10d saved from various sources or a total of £1670 5s 7d—had been spent on street works, the total expenditure under this heading for the year being £2509 3s 9d, this being a record. The receipts to date totalled £10,708 19s 3d, and the estimated amounts to come in prior to the end of the municipal year £1699. If were expected to increase this to over £11,000. Over £7000 had already been received of this year's general rates, and £1765 of the lighting rates.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the Legislature has given effect to the Referendum Bill for the reduction of members to 90, I am anxious to know if the people will be given an opportunity to express their wishes on the subject of payment of members?

Perhaps one can hardly expect Parliament as at present constituted to voluntarily introduce a bill to do away with the present system, or to refer the matter to the electors.

May I suggest that such a referendum may be made through the great daily papers of Sydney, as was recently done, perhaps imperfectly, by the "Daily Mail" in England on the preferential trade question? Such a referendum, although not authorised by Parliament, would probably in a fairly effective way show the will of the people.

I do not think anyone will claim that legislation has been improved since payment of members was adopted, but rather to the contrary. Parliamentary tactics have often been of a degrading type, the main consideration being not how much good can we do for our "masters the electors," but rather the retention of their seats, at any cost of either money or Parliamentary honour and dignity.

Surely if any particular electorate is anxious to be represented by a certain person, who cannot afford to do so without payment, let them pay him direct without appeal to the public purse.

I venture to say the large majority of workers will admit their position has not been improved since the advent of the paid member.

The time has arrived when the people should arise in their might and shake off this terrible incubus which is throttling the highest aspirations of the people towards freedom in legislation.

I am, &c, T. B. HUNTLEY.

PARKS AND CHILDREN'S VEHICLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I would endeavour to enlist your powerful sympathy on behalf of the above injustice. A mother with two or three children is very much handicapped, who is unable to use a perambulator or go-cart to take her little ones out in, to obtain a breath of fresh air for them. The parks have their places of ingress blocked with small posts, which is an effectual block to enter therein. Centennial Park, with its magnificent attractions for children, has lately adopted such hindrances; the kerbs, uncovered as they are, are certainly very troublesome to the parents, who add their quota of desirable future citizens to the Commonwealth without penalising to the extent of debarring them absolutely from the parks, etc. Most cities have the principal kerbs covered at the populous crossings, which should be adopted in Sydney, if only to save the aged people unnecessary fatigue, which I imagine stepping up and down steps occasions. I am, etc.,

Jan. 23. UNABLE TO WALK.

WAUGH'S BAKING POWDER obtained the only first-class award of highest degree of merit. Waugh's Baking Powder, the best.—Advt.

ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE NEW ZEALAND CONGRESS.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT.

THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE.

Most of the local members of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science have returned from the biennial conference which was held at Dunedin from January 6 to January 13. Nearly 1000 members and associates were present, and in addition a large number of the public.

The inaugural address on "A

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

The business of the week in the Stock and Share Market opened lifelessly, with only trifling movements in prices. Government securities were easy, a sale of New South Wales 3 per cent. funded stock being made at 81¼. Bank shares generally were rather higher, 85 being offered for Australasia, a rise of 1; Union in request at 44, a rise of ½; North Queensland inquired for at 12s 6d, a rise of 3d; Commercial of Sydney, buyer 27½, a rise of ½; New South Wales quitted at 41½, the last quotation. Australian Joint Stock Bank deposits improved a trifle. North Coast Steam advanced 3d. Insurance were steady. Australian and North Shore Gaslight were each rather firmer. Breweries much about the same as before. The miscellaneous list underwent very little alteration. Silverton Tram offered at the reduced price of 50s; with sales of Hall's Mercantile Agency at 21s and 20s 10d.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Australian Gaslight Debentures, 100; N.S.W. Government 3 per cent. Funded Stock, due 1912 or afterwards, 81¼. Noon: Hall's Mercantile Agency, 21s, 20s 10d. Afternoon: Bank of New South Wales, 41½; Balmain Ferry, 20s 3d; Marshall's Brewery, 2s 8d; Tooth and Co., 26s 6d; North Coast Steam, 19s 3d. Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. paid.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
W. STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. P. S., Act of 1873	840,380	...	...	4	101¼	100¾	102¾	4
Do., Act 1875	850,140	...	...	4	100	101	...	4
Do., Act 1902	3,400,127	...	...	3½	81½	81	82	4
Do., Act 1902	975,397	...	...	3	97	...	99	3
Do., deb., 1928	...	...	...	4	101	...	100	4
Ditto, 1908	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do., 1 lis., 1925	222,225	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do., T. Bills, 1903	1,000,000	...	...	3½	50	...	4	...
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,000,000	...	...	4	99	...	98	4
Do. Deb., 1902	200,358	...	...	5	100	...	...	5
Q'land, 1915	...	...	...	4	101	...	...	4
N.Z., 1915	850,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	4
Tas., 1914	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Col. Sugar Co., D., 1914	...	...	...	5	107	...	...	5
City Syd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	103	...	100¾	4
Ditto, 1926	80,000	...	...	4	102	...	100¾	4
Australn. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	100	...	100¾	4
W. Aus. 4 p.c.	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
BANKS.								
Aust. of S.	1,108,041	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,000,000	40	12	85	85	...	...	4½
City	240,000	10	8	81	76	81	8	...
New Issue	160,000	10	4	4	...	76	8	...
Com'l of Aust	94,000	20	10	4 1-2	...	...	...	...
Com'l of Sydney	2,117,200	10	10	3	27	...	...	5
Ditto (pref.	200,000	10	10	7½	27½	...	...	5½
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	27½	...	...	5½
N. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	8	3	63-8	...	...	4¾
Ditto, pref.	305,760	10	10	7	...	...	...	7
N. S. W.	2,000,000	20	20	15	41½	41	42	4
New Zealand	427,350	60	34	5	80	78	80	4
N. Q'sland	100,000	5	2	2½	11	12 6	16	17
Q'sland Nat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal of G.	451,307	20	9	4	50	...	...	8
Union	1,500,000	75	25	8	43	44	...	...
DEPOSITS, &c.								
A.J.S. Bk. Class A	...	...	...	3	15/9	16 3	16/9	9
Class B	...	...	...	3	12 6	12 6	13	7
Ditto less	788,058	...	...	3	9	9 6	...	...
Com. of Aus.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bank., Ltd.	637,326	...	...	3	19/8	18 3	...	...
Ditto, new	8,234,909	...	...	3	13/3	12 9	13/6	4½
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	999,478	...	...	4	11 9	11 6	12/	5
Ditto def.	817,477	...	...	4½	16 6	16/	...	...
Ditto Deb.	180,547	...	...	4	16/5	16	16/6	4½
Ditto Ter.	80,373	...	...	4	19/10	15 9	...	...
Q'sland Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	12 1	11 9	12 3	4½
STEAM.								
Palmin. Ferry	16,650	1	1	5	20 3	...	21/	...
Illawarra	58,098	5	3½	8½	95/	90/	...	4½
Howe'd Smith pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	20/	20/	...	5
N'th Coast	181,250	1	17-0	6	10/	10/	...	5½
Sydney Ferries	140,000	1	1	6	42	41 6	...	5½
Jackson & Co.	25,000	25	5	5½	27	...	...	...
Ditto, Co-op.	8,745	1	1	5	...	16 6	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	80,000	1	10/	16	36 6	36/	...	4½
Mer. Mut.	37,500	1	5	15	16/	13 9	16 6	4½
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2½	8	13	...	...	5½
N. Cal'nd	80,000	1	10/	8	13	...	...	5½
Ditto	5,000	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
Tariff	62,500	10	2½	12½	88 6	...	89/	7
Ditto new	5,722	10	12 6	12½	...	19/	12 3	8
GAS.								
Alliance	7,500	1	12	10	20 3	...	...	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	16½	16½	17	5½
Ch. Towers	20,000	1	10/	1	14/6	...	...	6½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	8	27 6	48/	...	6½
Grafton	6,000	1	1	8	27 6	25/	...	6½
Mt'lnd Gas	15,570	1	5	7	25	23/	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	2	7	17	13	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10	7	17	13	...	...
Wallsend	6,000	1	1	6	17 9	17/	17 9	6½
Newcastle	58,000	5	2	15	6	5½	...	...
North Shore	125,000	1	1	7	36 6	36 6	40/	5½
BREWERIES.								
Australian	48,000	20	10	3	3/	...	...	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	10 3	...	10 6	8
Marshall's	19,750	10	5	3	3 6	3 6	3 9	6½
Perkins'	50,000	1	1	6	16 3	...	17	7½
Tooher's	550,000	1	1	6	16 3	16/3	...	7½
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	8	26 3	26/	26 6	6
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10	6	4	4/	4/6	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	4/	3/	...	...
B. H. Water Supply	288,000	1	1	4	10	...	...	4½
Bursill, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	31 9	...	...	5½
Ice Assn.	55,000	1	1	8	15	15/	15 6	5½
Col. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	39½	39	39½	5
Palmer's Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	8 6	...	9/	6½
Daily Telegraph	50,000	...	...	4	102	...	100¾	4
Fairfax & Sons	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fraser & Neave	400,000	1	1	4	100	...	100¾	4
Fraser & Neave, pref.	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
Gas Purifying	97,200	1	16/	...	6/	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	97,200	1	16/	...	6/	...	...	15/
Do. Pref. cert.	7,200	20	10	7½	...	...	...	...
Mait Co.	21,000	13	5½	14	...	...	12/	5
Mel. Trams	450,000	1	10	18 1½	...	...	19/	5½
N. Zealand	74,000	20	10	10	37	...	38/	5½
North'n Ely.	250,000	1	1	6	17 6	...	...	6½
Ditto Pref.	45,800	1	1	6	18 6	18/6	...	6½
N. Zeal. Inv.	165,114	1	16/	...	8/	7 9	8/	...
Shaks. and Ltd.	80,000	1	16 6	...	1d	...	...	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	19	18/	19/	10½
Permn. Trust	25,000	1	2 6	8	3 4	3 2	3 4	5½
Ferry. Trms.	25,000	10	5	10	10/	...	...	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	12 6	...	12 6	8
Silv. Trams	197,500	1	1	20	60/	...	50/	8
Syd. Exch.	80,000	10	10	6	22	11½	...	5½
Syd. Hyd.	72,000	1	1	10	29 6	...	27/	7½
Ditto, pref.	87,500	4	10	13	13/	...	15 6	...
Syd. Hyd. & M. E.	15,000	1	10	10	13 6	13/	...	7½
Wool Auction'rs	...	...	...	...	120	...	130	7½
Ball's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20	10	20 10½	20 6	21/	9½
Manly Water Co.	...	...	...	...	...	10/9	10/	...
City Mkts.	...	...	...	...	...	8/	...	...
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LAND & BUILDING.								
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Ind. Prop.	47,110	20	20	8	...	...	...	...
Inter. Pr.	50,574	1	15	8	15/6	...	...	...

"Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

To-morrow, being the anniversary of the foundation of the colony, will be observed as a banking and general mercantile holiday, the various exchanges being closed.

The business of S. Mayer and Co., jewellers, has been formed into a limited liability company, with a capital of £250,000 in shares of 20s each.

The Perpetual Trustee Company continues to prosper, having last year increased its business by £800,000 to £5,455,002, comprising amount at credit of estates being administered, including reserves for contingencies and amounts due to creditors of trust estates. The net profit for the year was £6319, previous balance making £7448, from which there had been applied £3000 to reserve, increasing it to £19,500, £1000 to dividend equalisation fund, £2500 to payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, leaving £948 to be carried forward.

The Australian Gaslight Company's report for the half-year ended December 31 showed a net profit of £94,705, inclusive of £4261 brought forward. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 9s per share, which will absorb £56,250, and leave £4455 to be carried forward. The Full Court having decided that the land occupied by the mains and service pipes in the city is liable to be taxed, the company's rates had been increased to the extent of nearly £2300 per annum. The reserved judgment of the Full Court in the case of the Glebe Council, who contended that rates were also payable in respect of mains and pipes in municipalities, was given in favour of the company, but the council had since decided to appeal to the High Court of Australia to set aside this decision. The directors regretted to report the death of Mr. Peter Reid, who occupied a seat on the board for 16 years, and rendered most efficient services to the company.

The report of the Tamworth Gas and Coke Company for the half year ended December 31 shows a net profit of £570, previous balance £588, making a total of £1158. The directors propose a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum on the total allotted shares, absorbing £546, carrying forward to next account £612.

The tendency of banking profits in Australia is upwards. A considerable increase was shown in the figures of the Union Bank of Australia, published a day or two back, and the Commercial Bank of Sydney likewise showed some improvement, and in a lesser degree the City Bank of Sydney represented a better aspect. The "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record" carries a comparison over three years—1901, 1902 and 1903. Its conclusions are as follow:—

	Net Profits.	Dividends Paid.
1901	£1,508,805	£928,952
1902	1,879,499	983,850
1903	1,921,668	996,740

The increase is not very great, but, judging by the more recent reports, a better result will be shown in the year 1904. In fact, the three companies before mentioned have alone given a greater increase than is shown in the figures for 1903, as quoted in the "Record." Of course the earning powers of the amounts added to reserves in the three years, aggregating £921,500, ought alone to give an increase greater than was shown in the reports published in 1903. The Western Australian Bank pays the highest rate—17½ per cent., continued for many years. The Bank of Australasia last half-year paid at the rate of 12 per cent., the Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Sydney, National of New Zealand, and the Union of Australia pay 10 per cent., and others lower rates. The average profit is considerably below what it once was, but still it is moving up.

The strength of the local wool market noticed last week was maintained at to-day's sales, when there was brisk competition practically for all descriptions. Greasy sold to 11½d, scoured to 21d. The catalogues comprised 4863 bales, and the business reported was 4735 bales.

There was again a record year for frozen meat exports from New Zealand. From a compilation by Dalgety and Co., Ltd., the total quantities was 243,903,438lb., against 226,904,414lb. of which 146,311,528lb was mutton, 76,564,464lb lamb, and 21,027,446lb beef. Wellington was the chief shipping port—at any rate for the business of the last half of the year, the shipments aggregating 17,902,585 lb, though it was closely followed by Lyttelton, with 17,167,507lb, Timaru, Napier, Gisborne, and the Bluff being the next in the order of importance.

The interest earned on bonds and stocks by some leading life assurance companies in the United States averaged 4.05 per cent., on a total of £199,550,000 of investments, equal to 48.38 per cent. of the total assets. The outlay of funds in bonds and stocks is rapidly increasing. In 1882 it was only £24,800,000, or 27.57 per cent. of the total assets; in 1892, £68,600,000, or 37.05 per cent. A report that the New York Stock and Bond market was likely to be upheld by special efforts of assurance offices has considerable significance with their interests so largely bound up in the companies. The "Spectator," from which we quote the above figures, states that 27 out of the 39 companies operating in New York State lend money on stocks and bonds as collateral. On the main amount for the year their interest earned was 4.15 per cent. The total outlay on this class of security was but £12,102,000, or 2.93 per cent. of their assets, an amount that was likely to be reduced in the past year, with stocks falling so heavily as they did.

As time goes on the competition between the New Zealand Government Life Assurance Department and the private companies carrying on business in New Zealand results more favourably for the latter than the former. The companies generally retain a larger proportion of the business done with them than does the Government department. If it be urged that most of the companies have but comparatively recently entered the field, and therefore the comparison with them is unfair, we may take the assurances of the A.M.P. Society, which has about an equal experience for the year as given in statistics of New Zealand, 1902, to illustrate the point. The figures are:—

	New Policies.	Assurities.	Discontinued.
Government Insurance Department	£879,608	£1,868	£264,868
A.M.P. Society	885,775	6,573	250,767

Although the Government Insurance Department still received slightly more assurances during the year, its discontinuances were much greater, and the net gain was only £155,000, as compared with £306,000 in the case of the private office. The addition to the business was nearly twice as great in the case of the A.M.P. Society and as the whole of the other private offices made even a proportionately net larger addition to their assurances, the New Zealand Government insurance business tends to become relatively less important from year to year.

BREADSTUFFS.

The Sydney wheat market was quiet on Monday, and there were only a few inquiries. Large quantities of wheat are being received daily, and the work of shipping is proceeding apace. The railway officials' arrangements for an extra busy season have been ample, and the rush of grain is being promptly dealt with. The wheat manifested to arrive at Sydney on Monday was 3710 tons 16cwt 1qr, four, 68 tons 2cwt 2qr. The Sydney wheat market may be quoted at 2s 10d to 2s 11d for prompt delivery; flour, £7 10s to £8. The London market does not show any improvement. The sales reported at London last week are:—

Jan. 19.—8,000qr Vict., Jan. 15..... 29/10g
13,000qr Vict., Feb 29/6
Jan. 20.—8,000qr S.A., Jan. 16..... 30/
Jan. 21.—11,000qr S.A., Jan.-Feb..... 29/6
Jan. 22.—10,000qr S.A., Feb.-Mar..... 29/6

Last week the exports of wheat from Sydney were 500,968 bushels. The imports of flour were 9 tons and the exports 429 tons.

WHEAT EXPORTS.

The exports of wheat this season are:—

	Bags.
Dec. 19, Rippingham Grange, Jas. Bell and Co., for London	5,047
Dec. 24, Scottish Glens, for London	5,500
Dec. 30, Loch Ryan, for Channel, Jas. Bell and Co.	14,987
Jan. 7, Mount Stewart, for Falmouth, Jas. Bell and Co.	26,220
Jan. 7, Andreta, for Falmouth, John Darling and Son	23,800
Jan. 9, General Faidherbe, for Falmouth, W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited	26,129
Jan. 17, Silkstriahre, for Callao, Dalgety and Co.	15,226
Jan. 20, General de Sonis, for Falmouth, Jas. Bell and Co.	9,702
Jan. 19, Queen Margaret, for Falmouth, John Darling and Son	27,081
Jan. 29, Drumpark, for Falmouth, Jas. Bell and Co.	20,386
Jan. 16, Persic, for Liverpool, W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited	4,673
Jan. 18, Torrindale, for London, W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited	4,725
Jan. 19, Torrindale, for London	869
Jan. 19, Varzin, for Hamburg, Jas. Bell and Co.	9,421
Jan. 23, Sellasia, W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, for Vincent	43,157
Jan. 23, General Neumayer, J. Gillespie and Co., for Falmouth	21,964
Total	236,815

IMPORT MARKET.

Quietness prevailed, in the Import Market on Monday. With trade so dull merchants were displeased at another holiday—Anniversary Day—occurring so close on the Christmas season. Prices were unaltered, and though there were inquiries for some lines business generally comprised small orders. There was a better demand for imported sherries. Eastern produce is still unsettled. Prices for tinplates were unchanged, though the orders have diminished.

Teas.—The market was quiet and firm.

Chemicals.—10 tons of bluestone was sold for Melbourne.

Groceries.—200 boxes Lucasis candles were sold.

Oils.—Sales: 150 drums Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s raw linseed oil at 2s 1½d, and boiled at 2s 3½d. 25 cases Turpy at 4s 7d. 8 tons Ferguson's white lead, cwts, £27 ton; 2 tons, quarters, at £28; 2 tons Chapion's white lead, cwts, at £28 5s.

Metals.—Barbed wire (Iowa), 12 gauge, changed hands at 9/4 ton.

The York Market.—Messrs. Strong and Trowbridge Co., of New York, in a report on December 22, stated: "In addition to the ruling quietness in the metal trades at this season of the year there has been a further drop in values, and the need of orders is seen in the voluntary quotations and solicitation of export orders on behalf of the United States Steel Products Company quoting on a basis for steel plates, bars, and sections (structural material, £5 17s, being 4s ton less than quoted in our last report, and there is no doubt but that favourable specifications for large quantities would be accepted at a shade under this price. Turpe: The market in mill form at 3s 3½d, while the tendency is for higher prices; at the same time recent purchases have been greatly restricted. We cannot look for lower quotations on this line until April or May next, when we shall be able to form on the new crop."

The Situation of Spirits of Turpentine.—A problem which is confronting the varnish manufacturers and paint manufacturers is the continuance of high prices of spirits of turpentine, says the "New York Oil, Paint, and Drug Reporter." The situation in the varnish trade is considered more unsatisfactory, because several obstacles are confronting the industry here besides the high prices of spirits of turpentine, one of which is the expected heavy shortage of gum, due to the unprecedented consumptive demand and the comparatively small receipts of gum. In the face of this prices of varnish gum have not been raised in a number of years, hence there is increased talk in trade circles that a probable advance in prices of varnish will eventually be made by manufacturers. Some leading merchants in the trade claim that the prices will continue on their high level, which is simply due to natural causes of supply and demand. The supply has been light and bids fair to remain so, and general expectations are of a heavy reduction in the coming crop, occasioned by the gradual exhaustion of the pine tree forests. Up to the present no provision by act of law has been made to enforce the planting of pine trees in place of the ones cut down. On the other hand, there are old-time merchants who claim to take no serious view of the situation. Some years ago a similar cry was raised in the trade that the pine forests were giving out in certain producing States. This was done to bull the market, and manipulators reaped large profits. To the great astonishment of the trade, the States which were mentioned that would produce little turpentine had made a fair average crop, but forests in another State were found and a very large crop was obtained. Notwithstanding the increasing consumption of turpentine both here and abroad, we always had ample supplies to meet the demand. The market at Savannah has been in control of a combination of strong factors who have combined and are credited with regulating the market according to their desires, and this has apparently been demonstrated by the course of trade during the past three years.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney on Monday was £14,139. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £2223; narcotics, £783; sugar, £405; agricultural products and groceries, £808; apparel and textiles, £2305; metals and machinery, £1018; oils, paints, and varnishes, £230; earthenware, cement, etc, £70; drugs and chemicals, £128; wood, wicker, and cane, £152; jewellery and fancy goods, £213; leather and rubber, £467; paper and stationery, £337; vehicles, £108; musical instruments, £14; miscellaneous, £61; bonded warehouses, £100; harbour and light dues, £108; pilotage, £93; excise on spirits, £87; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1000; excise on beer, £443; excise on starch, £94; excise on sugar, £2460.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool.—At Darling Harbour on Monday 464 bales were manifested to arrive by rail, 328 came forward coastwise, and 174 were received at Newcastle on Saturday.

London Wool Sales.—Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Company, Limited, have received the following cable:—"The prices for merino and fine crossbred sheepskins show an advance of par to 5 per cent. as compared with the last series, while coarse crossbred have advanced 10 per cent."

Butter.—The imports of butter at Sydney last week were 85,488lb, and the exports 781,876lb.

Oaten Hay for South Africa.—The Minister for Mines has received the following cable from the Agent-General:—"London, January 23. Oaten hay: The War Office is prepared to entertain offers for 1000 or 2000 tons of Australian pure oaten hay, 1010lb bales delivered c.i.f. Port Elizabeth or Durban. Your Government inspection. Accidental mixture of wheaten not exceeding five per cent. permitted. Must be shipped middle of February. Please cable as soon as possible."

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

BRISBANE, Monday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Queensland Trustees, 5 6s 2d; Queensland National Bank, 5 11s 9d, 5 12s 1d.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 4 per cents., 1913-1923, £102 10s; Silverton Tramway, 40s; B.H. Water Supply, 19s.

Wheat weaker and irregular owing to the unfavourable news from London. Over 20,000 bags purchased at a cost of about 2s 10½d to 2s 10¾d, including buying charges, but shippers now generally offer 2s 10d. Supplies are now offering from the country with freedom. Flour, £7 15s. Bran, 64d to 7d. Pollard, 7½d to 8d. Barley, firm, up to 4s. Cape barley, 1s 6d to 2s. Algerian oats, 1s 3½d to 1s 4½d. Maize quiet, at 2s 7½d to 2s 8d. Chaff, 20s to 45s. Potatoes, 40s to 35s. Onions, 30s to 40s. Moderate business done in sugar. Business in tea covers 500 chests Indian, mostly to arrive, at 7d to 7½d; 160 packages Ceylon up to 11d. Dried fruits rather quiet; 150 cases provincial currants sold. Large forward business done in 95 per cent. cream of tartar. Good sales made of soda ash. Good business done in resin. Between 30 and 40 tons fencing wire sold. 500 boxes tinplate sold to arrive, Cornucks, 5s 9½d to 5s 6d. Brushes, 2s 9½d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Monday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

But for the business peculiar to the near approach of the public holiday the volume of trade transacted in the street to-day would have been of very much smaller proportions than it actually was. Supplies during the latter end of last week and also this morning were coming to hand in extraordinarily large quantities, but, unfortunately, the demand was not able to keep pace with them, and as a natural sequence prices, excepting only eggs, were reduced more or less. Poultry, chaff, imported oaten hay and straw, Cape maize, and oats (Tasmanian) all depreciated in value.

In dairy produce business generally was fairly brisk, but more especially in the egg department. This, of course, was in great part due to the extra buying on account of the holiday to-morrow, but the smaller supplies also proved an important factor. Better prices were realised for all descriptions. Butter maintained a steady inquiry, while cheese was rather dull. Some of the dairying people have, owing to the low rates, converted their milk supplies from the cheese to the butter making industry, thinking the latter course would be more profitable. Owing to the heavy consignments of poultry arriving daily the market appears to be slightly glutted, and late rates have eased still more. Bran and pollard were moving very slowly today at slightly lower rates. The market was very heavily stocked with chaff, and prices ruled on a lower basis, £3 to £6 per ton being the limit for prime cuts. The imported hay and straw had a dull market, at £3 15s to £4 being the margins, while local makes improved in value, up to £5 5s per ton being paid at Redfern to-day. On account of local straw appearing in larger quantities Tasmanian oaten were forced down to £2 10s per ton. The former sold well at from £2 to £2 2s 6d per ton. Lucerne was plentiful, but sales were difficult to effect. The Newcastle steamers brought 708 bales from the Hunter River on Saturday and this morning, while four truckloads arrived by rail. Of this latter only one lot sold, bringing £2 7s 6d per ton. Barley was well in evidence, but the market was not at any extent. The prevailing features of the maize market were the large consignments on hand and the meagre demand for it. Prices were reduced to a lower level, and the best river grain could be obtained for 3s per bushel. Holders of the Victorian corn were asking 3s 10½d. The first consignment of the new season's maize arrived to-day from the Northern rivers, but none was placed owing to the dullness of the market. The bulk of it came to hand in good condition, showing fine grain. Potatoes sold fairly well at prices almost on a par with last week's rates. Imported oats were in greatest bulk, no less than 3400 bags arriving from Tasmania. The market was easier, prime feed grain being quoted at from 2s 6d to 2s 9d, inferior and milling ruled for local Algerian oats, which sold at from 1s 8½d to 2s per bushel. The potato markets were stocked very freely, about 5000 bags arriving during the last two days. These were sold at 60/ to 75/ at the railway to-day, and prices ranged from £1 5s to £2 2s 6d for prime Rose, Brownell's, and Circulars. The Newcastle steamer brought 675 bags to the wharf, but for these not more than £1 5s was realised. Bread fruit sold at £1 ton. Only about 150 bags arrived from the North Coast. Two large shipments of Tasmanian Circulars, comprising 8300 bags, arrived, and for prime Redskins 2s 2½d was ruled. Spanish onions, 10s to 15s per bag, and with freight at 10s per ton, and other charges added, it brings the landed cost to about £2 15s per ton. This is about the outside limit obtainable in Sydney with the great local competition existing. It may be stated that Sydney is the only outlet which Tasmania finds for her potato export trade.

Wholesale quotations were:—

Bacon and Hams.—Best factory, flitches, 7½d to 8½d, middles 10d; York Castle, mild-cured sides 9d to 9½d, middles 11d; Bodalla, sides 8d, middles 10½d, flitches 8½d; Federal, sides 8d; Daisy brand, 8½d. Hams—Colonial, in cloth, 10d to 10½d, small weights 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s; York Castle, 1s 1d; Daisy, 1s 1d; Bodalla, 1s.

Cheese.—Better sale. Local choice loaf 4d to 4½d, odd lots to 5d, good 3d to 3½d, prime large 4d to 4½d, new and soft from 2½d. Kameruka Cheddar 6d, Bodalla 6d lb.

Butter.—Steady. Pasteurised 6d, prime 7½d to 8d, good 7d, inferior to 6d.

Eggs.—Northern 11d to 1s, South 1s 1d, new-laid hens' 1s 3d, odd lots to 1s 4d, duck 1s 3d to 1s 6d, dozen sales: Case 11d to 1s, New-laid 1s 2½d to 1s 3½d; choice suburban, 1s 4½d; duck, 1s 3d to 1s 5d.

POULTRY.

Poultry.—Plentiful. River: Fowls 2s to 3s 6d, young roosters 3s 6d to 4s 3d, choice heavy 4s 6d; English river ducks 3s to 3s 6d, Muscovy ducks, river 3s, penned 4s, drakes, good 5s; geese 6s to 7s; turkeys, gobblers 9s to 11s, good to fine, choice to 20s, hens 7s 6d to 9s; guinea fowls to 4s 6d per pair.

RICE.—Ex s.s. PYRILLARD.

White bran was quoted at from 6d to 6½d, and white pollard 7d to 7½d ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Plentiful and dull. Local: Prime £2 17s 6d to £3 7s 6d, medium £2 5s to £2 12s, inferior from £1 to £1 15s. Wheaten: Prime £2 17s 6d to £3, medium £2 10s to £2 15s, inferior to £2 5s. Oaten Hay.—Melbourne Hydraulic-pressed £3 15s to £4. Local: Redfern, prime £3 5s.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2 10s. Local: Prime £2 to £2 5s.

Lucerne.—Slow sale. Wharf: Best available, large bales £2 12s, good £2 5s, inferior from £1. Redfern: Prime in large bales £2 12s 6d, medium £1 12s 6d to £1 17s 6d, inferior £1, prime small £3, medium £2 5s to £2 10s, prime truss £2 7s 6d ton.

WOOL-FED GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Scarce. English feed, prime 2s to 2s 3d bus. Maize.—Local: Yellow prime 3s, with weevil 2s 6d to 2s 10d. Melbourne: Prime 3s to 3s 1d. Queensland: 2s. Argentine: Prime chosen 2s 9d, ordinary with weevil 2s 6d bus.

Peas.—Grey, 4s to 4s 3d; blue, 5s 6d to 5s 9d bus.

Chickwheat.—Inferior and pinched 2s 7d to 2s 9d, medium 2s 9d to 2s 6d, and full grain 2s 10½d bus.

Oats.—Tasmanian: 2s 4d to 2s 5d. Melbourne: Algerian, 1s 9d. Local feed, 1s 8½d to 2s; seed, 1s 11d to 2s bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local Hunter River wharf: Prime £1 to £1 5s. Redfern: Prime £1 10s to £2 2s 6d, good from £1 5s. Tasmanian: Circulars, redskins £2 15s, darkskins £2 10s ton.

WOOD MARKET.

Wood.—Best footwood 12s to 13s, medium 10s to 11s 6d, rough 6s 9d to 8s 9d; bakers' spilts 10s to 11s; sticks 10s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Local: Redfern, inferior to 17s 6d. Victorian: Prime Globes £3, inferior £2; Portarlingtons, £3 10s ton.

Honey.—Choice 2½d to 3d, good 2d to 2½d, for tins containing 60lb.

Turnips.—None offering.

Cheese.—Choice, prime 1s 1d, other sorts 1s 1lb.

Lard.—Bulk 3d to 4d, bladders 4½d to 5d.

REDFERN SALES.

A very large quantity of produce, comprising no less than 11 commodities, was forward for auction at the Redfern saleyards this morning. Although the buyers' muster was fairly numerous, their operations were only on a limited scale when compared to the great bulk of produce under offer, and in consequence a large number of trucks were passed. In point of quantity chaff, as usual, predominated over other products, but the market was hardly on such an unlimited footing as on Saturday. Prime well-cut sorts went at from 2s 11d to 3s 4d, medium 2s 3d to 2s 10d, while some few inferior lots only made from 1s to 1s 8d per cwt. Only four trucks of lucerne were forward, but all failed to sell excepting a consignment made up in trusses, which realised 2s 6d per cwt. There was very small supply, the two trucks going at 3s 2d and 3s 3d, while an inferior small consignment only brought 1s 8d per cwt. Better inquiry prevailed for straw, which sold at 2s and 2s 2d per cwt. Wheat was well supplied, but prices were on an ordinary standard. The consignment was knocked down at from 2s 9d to 2s 6d, and other lots of a lower quality at 2s 2d to 2s 4d a bushel. The two trucks of prime maize offered had fair demand, and sold at 3s to 3s 1d per bushel. For Algerian oats animated call was provoked, and good sales resulted, the top figure realised being 1s 9½d per bushel. Potatoes showing prime quality were in brisk request, and were fairly heavily supplied, 640 bags being forward. Prices ranged from 1s 2d to 2s 2d per cwt, according to quality. Circulars bringing the higher rates. Onions were not well supplied, and for fair Wellington bulbs only 10d and 11d per cwt were realised, and picklers 4s 4d. Melons sold at from 3s 7d to 6s 9d, and pumpkins 2s 5d to 2s 9d per dozen.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Walker and Oxby, Dent and Perry, Ellis and Co., J. Bridge and Co., Cameron and M'Fadyen, R. Little and Co., R. Hall and Son, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, H. Prescott and Co., H. M. Sutter and Co., C. W. M'Farlane and Co., J. W.

FUNERALS.

VICKERY.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS VICKERY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly loved WIFE and their MOTHER, Harriet; to move from her late residence, 110 Albion-street, Annandale, THIS MORNING, at 8.45, for Petersham Station, thence to Necropolis.
CROCKETT and COMPANY, Undertakers, Leichhardt.
Telephone, 297 Petersham.

CURTIN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. DAVID CURTIN will move from St. Charles' R. C. Church, Carrington-road, Waverley, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, immediately after Mass (about 9.30 o'clock), for the Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON,
Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street. Tel., 795.

CURTIN.—A REQUIEM MASS will be celebrated in St. Charles' R.C. Church, Waverley, THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, at 9.30, for the repose of the soul of Margaret Curtin.

DUTTON.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZA DUTTON will leave the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Hammond, Dunselma, Penkivil-street, Bondi, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at 9.30, for the Waverley Cemetery. No flowers, by request.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

LONG.—The Funeral of the late Mr. GEORGE EDWARD LONG, late District Inspector of Public Schools, Wellington, N.S.W., will leave his late residence, Clarita, 12 Botany-street, Waverley, THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, at 10.30, for the Waverley Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, &c.,
Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, &c.

YAW.—The Friends of Mrs. DANIEL YAW and Miss MARGARET YAW are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 25 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY.
Tel., 424, etc.

YAW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. M'GRATH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER, Daniel Yaw; to leave 75 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY.

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COFFILL and COMPANY.

YAW.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. M'NERNEY, of Summer Hill, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Daniel Yaw; to leave 75 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY.
Tel., 424, etc. 812 George-street, and Branches.

YAW.—The Friends of Mr. P. M'INERNEY, of Woodhouselee, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Daniel Yaw; to leave 75 Abercrombie-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Tel., 424, etc. N. Syd., Balm., Pymont, M'ville, etc.

BATES.—The Friends of Mr. SPENCER BATES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly loved WIFE, Ethel; to move from her late residence, 70 James-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Petersham Station, thence Waverley Cemetery, Rookwood. CROCKETT and COMPANY,
Undertakers, Leichhardt.
Telephone, 297 Petersham.

SPEAR.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. WILLIAM SPEAR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to move from Craigiee, Hunter-street, city, THIS TUESDAY, at 2 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON,
Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street, and 51 Darlinghurst-road.
Tel., 875.

KELL.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. TATHAM, of Australia-street, Camperdown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved GRANDSON; to move from 71 Lennox-street, Newtown, at 2 o'clock, for Newtown Station.
ERNEST ANDREWS and CO. (the Original Firm),
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SCHIRECH.—The Friends of Mr. FRANK SCHIRECH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved SON, Angelo; to move from his residence, 128 Liverpool-street, city, THIS TUESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
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RICHARDS.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES RICHARDS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Annie; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS TUESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
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RICHARDS.—The Friends of NELLIE, RICHARD, and JAMES RICHARDS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved MOTHER, Annie Richards; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS TUESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
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RICHARDS.—The Friends of Mrs. ULTRIE VANDEY, of the Masonic Hall Hotel, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved FRIEND, Mrs. Annie Richards; to move from the Sydney Hospital THIS TUESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

HOATHER.—The Friends of Mr. EDWARD HOATHER (of Goulburn) and FAMILY are kindly informed that the Funeral of their beloved WIFE and MOTHER will leave the Lewisham Hospital THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

BAGLIN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARY ANN BAGLIN, relict of the late Llewellyn Baglin, will leave her late residence, 42 Bourke-street, Waverley, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 3.15 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER,
Undertaker, Waverley.

WAIT. The Friends of Messrs. ROBERT and STEWART WAIT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Elizabeth Mary, which will move from her late residence, No. 36 Regent-street, city, TO-MORROW (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Church of England Cemetery, Newcastle.

THE Friends of WILLIAM STEWART WAIT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his SISTER; to move from 36 Regent-street, city, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock.

M'REAVIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH M'REAVIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON, Samuel; to move from their residence, 76 Duke-street, Woolloomooloo, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), at 8.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city; 51 Darlinghurst-road. Tel., 875.

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BOROUGH of WAVERLEY.—Waverley Ward.—Moses Cannon is a Candidate, and resp. solicits yr. Vote.

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LOST AND FOUND.

HANDS, RWD.—Lost, lady's g Watch and Trinkets, Sat. evg., Rdfn. stn, Ancona, Grosvenor-st, Croyd.

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LOST, Fri. night, city, Gold Brooch, set emerald and dia.; rew. W. E. Janck, c.o. Creedon, 28 Sussex-st.

LOST, Point Lace Handkerchief, Cricket Gd., Monday; reward. C. B. C., Herald Office, or 48 Young-st.

LOST, Fox-terrier, name Die, Mosman Wf., Sunday night. Miss Green, Strathmore, Magic-st, Mosman.

LOST, Mosman Wharf, Sunday night, PARCEL, containing Silk, etc. Lost Parcels Office, Cir. Quay.

LOST, 16ft Varnish SKIFF, green bottom, blue lining, name Chance; reward. J. Graham, Watson's Bay.

LOST, Friday last, Gold Eyeglass and Chain. Apply A. Keysor, c.o. D. Mitchell and Co., Clarence-st.

LOST, young Collie Dog, sable and white. J. Cumming, end of Winslow-st, North Sydney. Reward.

LOST.—10s Reward, Gold Spectacles, Wav. Cemetery or neighbourhood, Montrose, Alison-rd, Randwick.

LOST, bet. Dulwich Hill, railway, and G.P.O., Gold Brooch, set turq. and pearl; rew. Orara, Dul.-st.

LOST, bet. Cynward-st., Gardens, KEYS on ring. Reward on returning 28 Wynyard-sq.

LOST, on Sat., a Black Retriever PUP, chain col, attached; reward. No. 10 Market-st, city.

LOST, Sun., Gold Leaf Brooch, with Pearls, bet. Long and Wycodon Bays; rew. 50 Dowling-st, W. Bay.

LOST, Waverley Park, Sunday, string PEARLS. Reward. Valued by owner. 76 Bondi-rd.

LOST last night, in Up. Wm.-st, Black Feather Fan, tortoiseshell handle. Rew. 16 Surrey-st, D'hurst.

LOST, Sunday, North Sydney, near St. Peters Presbyterian Ch., lady's g. Watch, Rew. 450 Miller-st.

LOST, bet. Newtown-rd and Toxteth-st, Glebe Point, Gold Scarf, Initial Brooch; reward. 12 Arcadia-rd.

LOST, bet. Enmore and The Wren, Stmr. st., G. Cuff, Brooch; rew. Excelsior Bak., Illawarra-rd, M'ville.

LOST, in Newtown, Sat., double circle stone BROOCH. Reward. 40 Church-st, Newtown.

LOST, on Sat. night, 16th, dia. and ruby Bracelet, set 10 sapphires. £2 reward. 116 Darlinghurst-rd.

LOST, Arncliffe, Sat., Skye-terrier DOG, name Jack, rwd., detainer prosec. Hurst-Waller sts, Arncliffe.

LOST bet. Sydenhamard and Ashfield Cem., Gold Bangle, padlock, rwd. Mariamburah, Sydn.-rd., Mrkvl.

LOST, Saturday, Sable-and-white Collie DOG. Adelaide Hotel, Park-rd, Paddington.

LOST, last week, tried GARNET, diamond pearls, dead father's gift; reward. 56 Young-st, Annandale.

LOST.—Will person who picked up Purse, Argyle-place, return. 16 Argyle-place, Miller's Pt.

LOST, Friday, Black Magpie PIGEON, hen, Ring No. J 423; reward. 55 Railway-ter., Petersham.

LOST, a Yorkshire Terrier Pup, in Williams-st, on Sat. afternn. Reward rets. to Mar Beatty, Theatre Royal.

LOST, Sun. morn., G. Brooch, 5 rubies, bet. Wellington, Crystal sts. Rew. Lubec, 117 Weston-rd, Ros.

LOST, at Pyrmont terminus, Saturday afternoon, PURSE. 10s Reward on return 64 John-st, Pyrmont.

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LEFT in Southern mail train at Redfern last Wednesday morning, Gold SPECTACLES in case. Reward if returned to JOHN LISTER,
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LOST, Sunday evening, between Burwood College and park, blue Enamel SHIELD set with turquoise and pearls.
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